

# HOW·NI·KAN

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## Tribal members celebrate at 20th annual Potawatomi Days

June means Potawatomi Days. By the time many of you receive this edition, the annual tribal election may be over.

But some of you may receive the paper in time for voting in person from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m. Saturday, June 26. You will receive two ballots. One will contain the names of the two candidates for Tribal Chairman, John A. (Rocky) Barrett Jr. and Dr. Francis A. Levier. Also on that ballot will be the names of three unopposed candidates for

the Grievance Committee, Gene Bruno, Hazel Rhodd Williamson and Raymond (Matt) Higdon. The second ballot will contain the proposed budget.

Election results will be announced during the General Council meeting, which will reconvene at 3 p.m. in the Long Room at tribal headquarters. New tribal officials will be sworn in that evening if available.

In the meantime, the 20th annual Citizen Band Potawatomi Pow Wow will be in full swing.

The Pow Wow begins Friday night, June 25, with gourd dancing from 6-8 p.m. and Grand Entry at 8 p.m. and a full evening of competition dancing. Rusty Cozad, the new pow wow director, is introducing new contests for Golden Age men and women, drums and a 49 contest. Traditional contests in men's straight, fancy, traditional and grass; senior women's cloth, jingle, buckskin and fancy; junior girls; cloth, jingle, buckskin and fancy; and junior boys; straight, fancy, traditional and grass will also be held, as well as a Tiny Tot contest Friday night.

On Saturday, a full day of activities will be underway along with the election. The traditional horseshoe tournament will be held in the pecan grove during the morning, the museum and gift shop will be open, health services will provide screenings in their facility from 9 a.m.-3 p.m., and the convenience store and bingo hall will have specials for visiting tribal members. The 7th annual All-Indian Golf Tournament will include a four-person scramble Friday and championship flights on Saturday.

Pow wow activity will continue Saturday with gourd dancing from 4-6 p.m., a free dinner at 5 p.m., Grand Entry at 7 p.m. and contest dancing and specials following. Gourd dancing on Sunday, the final day, will be from 3-5 p.m. with Grand Entry at 6 p.m. Prizes will be awarded at the conclusion of Sunday's program. Arts and crafts as well as food vendors will be set up at the pow wow grounds throughout the weekend.

Tribal personnel will be available throughout the day on Saturday at headquarters and at the pow wow grounds all weekend.



*Rusty Cozad, Pow Wow Director*



*Shyloh Kay West, Potawatomi Princess*

## Federal appeals court upholds ruling voiding tribal gaming compact

A Denver appeals court has upheld a federal judge's ruling that voided the first state-approved gambling compact between Gov. David Walters and the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma.

The 10th Circuit Court of

Appeals agreed June 7 with an Oklahoma City federal judge who ruled in February that video lottery machines are illegal in Oklahoma and, therefore, on Indian land as well. The story was reported in the June 9 edition of *The Daily Oklahoman*.

The appeals court rejected the tribe's claim that such devices are legal. "Although video games in general may be legal, they are not legal when they operate so that a person may receive or become entitled to receive, as the result of application of an element of

chance, money or property," the ruling states.

The compact permitted the tribe to operate a video lottery, but only on the condition that the U.S. attorney issued a letter assuring they did not violate federal law, or a federal court

declared the devices legal.

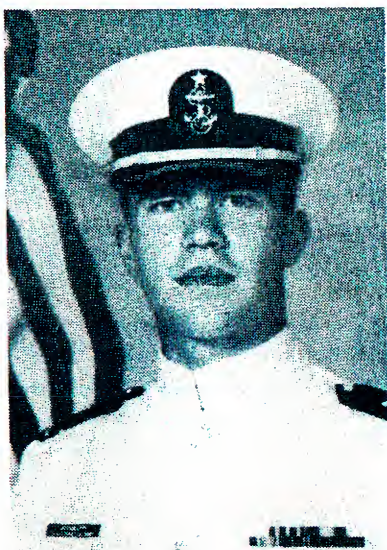
The U.S. attorney's position has been that video lottery terminals would only be legal under the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act if there were both a signed compact for their use and if state law allowed it.



# TRIBAL TRACTS

## Tribal member graduates from U.S. Coast Guard Academy

Shawn D. Mauldin, a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe and the son of Denzil and Marie (Nelson) Mauldin of Valdez, Alaska, graduated from the United States Coast Guard Academy in New London, Connecticut on May 19, 1993. He received his Bachelor of Science Degree in Management and his commission in the U.S. Coast Guard which was presented by the Secretary of Transportation, Federico F. Pena. Secretary Pena was the speaker for the Academy's 112th commencement exercises. Shawn was a member of the U.S. Coast Guard eight man heavyweight rowing team, which placed first in the 1993 New England Rowing Championships and the 1993 Champion International Collegiate Regatta both held at Lake Quinsigamond, Worcester, Mass. Ensign Mauldin is assigned to the U.S.C.G. Cutter Storis based in Kodiak, Alaska.



Shawn D. Mauldin

appreciate any and all donations to these meals to help with expenses.

The PowWow grounds have facilities such as showers and bathrooms available for the reunion use. In addition, there is electricity, lights and places to cook at a facility on the grounds.

We are asking those who will attend to bring tents and/or camping gear for your stay over the weekend. If more information is needed, please contact either of the following: Ms. Rosemary Rhodd, c/o Ben Rhodd, Sr., RR#2, Tecumseh, Oklahoma 74873 or Ben Rhodd, Jr., P.O. Box #846, Hill City, S.D. 57745. Megwetch.

### Rhodd reunion

The Rhodd reunion is scheduled to be held at the Citizen Band Potawatomi PowWow grounds across from the Trial Headquarters over the 21st and 22nd of August starting at noon on Saturday and ending at 5 p.m. on Sunday. An evening meal will be served on Saturday and a noon meal on Sunday by the son and daughter of Ben Rhodd Sr. of Tecumseh. However, we would

### Family research

Tribal member Elva Wall has done extensive research on the Weld family from 1790 to 1990 and is offering to sell copies of the approximately 6 foot long tree to descendants of the Weld families. You can reach Elva at P.O. Box 43, Pauls Valley, OK 73075.

### HowNiKan honored

The Citizen Band Potawatomi tribal newspaper, the *HowNiKan*, was awarded an honorable mention in the Best Layout & Design category of the annual Native American Journalists Association competition recently.

The *HowNiKan*, edited by Gloria Trotter, was competing against all monthly tribal publications in the United States and Canada. Last year, the Potawatomi tribal paper placed third in the general excellence category in that competition.

### Track star

Brandy Vaughn, granddaughter of Edward Schwartz of Norwalk, Calif., has been beating out the boys in track competition at Santa Fe High School in Santa Fe Springs, California. Brandy, a tribal member, was the only one of her team to place in a recent meet. She was third in the 220 with a 28.7 time "while the boys didn't place at all in this event," her grandfather said.

She is active in all track events, he said, and is a top runner for the team. She is also active in basketball and is learning karate. "There may be a little bit of Jim Thorpe coming through," her grandfather said. Brandy will be a senior next year.

### Photo identified

Tribal member Thomas Austin of Hayward, Wisconsin, has identified the man on the right in the photo in the March *HowNiKan* as his grandfather, Rising Smoke, also known as Lucien Bowers McKinney.

### Correction

The political ad on page 25 of the May edition of the *HowNiKan* contained an error. A line at the bottom of the ad indicated that it was paid for by Clay Oden.

The ad was not paid for by Clay Oden. It was paid for by Jerry Motley, Business Committee member. The incorrect information was the result of a production error. We apologize for the mistake and any misunderstanding it caused.

### Golden anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Abe Walkingstick celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary Saturday, May 15, 1993, with a reception held in Duncan Oklahoma's Assumption Catholic Church. Hosting the event were the couple's daughters, Barbara, Sue Ellen, and Rainelle.

Abe Walkingstick and Vivena Mulanax exchanged wedding vows on May 13, 1943, in Topeka, Kansas.

The couple lived in Newkirk before moving to Duncan in 1949.

Walkingstick worked for *The Duncan Banner* from 1949 to 1960. He and his wife established ABC Exterminating Co. in 1958 and retired in 1986. Walkingstick was the first full-blood American Indian to be licensed by the State

of Oklahoma for termite and pest control. He continues to work part-time for the company and is a master gardener for the OSU Extension Center.

Mrs. Walkingstick works in the dietary department at Duncan Care Center. The couple attends Assumption Catholic Church. They were named National Catholic Family of the Year in 1986 and are volunteers for the Stephens County Crisis Team. Mr. and Mrs. Walkingstick enjoy fishing and working with the Duncan Indian Youth Club. Their children are Barbara and Hank Watson, Denver, CO; Sue Ellen and Ron Morris, Comanche; and Rainelle and D.A. Rhone and Don and Opie Walkingstick, all of Duncan. They also have nine grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

(This article from *The Duncan Banner* was sent in by the Walkingsticks' daughter Rainelle Rhone, who said her parents met at Chillicothe Indian School in Newkirk, where they both graduated. She said her father is an Eastern Band Cherokee and her mother is Citizen Band Potawatomi. "It is a rare event a family gets to celebrate," said Mrs. Rhone, "especially in these times. They are a perfect example to follow.")

### Law graduate

Robert Scott Shearer was a May graduate of South Texas College of Law, Houston, Texas. He received a Doctor of Jurisprudence Degree. Scott is the son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert A. Shearer of Huntsville, Texas, and the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. J.H. Stewart of Sheffield, Alabama and Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Shearer of Terrell, Texas. He is the great-grandson of Mrs. Elizabeth Anderson Kremenak of Toledo, Iowa.

Scott will be in private practice in Houston, Texas.

### We're In Business

## Potawatomi-owned firm sells buildings to Malaysia

Duninger Corporation of Lynnwood, Washington, makers of the Ark™ Shelter, announced today the sale of 130 portable buildings to the Malaysian Ministry of Defence.

The company's president, Dad Dansenburg of Bellevue, Washington, has been working on this sale with his Singapore distributor, North Shore Associates Pte. Ltd (NSA), and THKAS PADU Sdn. Bhd. (IHKAS), Duniger's agent in Malaysia, over the past several months. Seattle-based South Asia Resources, Inc. (SARI), the firm responsible for all foreign sales and marketing of the portable building, has been instrumental in negotiations.

The buildings will be used by over 1,000 Malaysian military troops in their deployment later this month to Somalia. The peace-keeping force will be under the command of the United Nations while in Somalia. Duniger has equipped some of the buildings with partitions and custom lighting and power system requested by the Ministry of Defence. Duniger Corporation also owns Active Engineering, an electrical contracting and design firm.

The Ark™ Shelter is a new

concept in portable housing and storage systems. It comes in a 2'x2'x6' wooden box and the building measures 18.5'x25' when fully-erected. Company literature advertises that two people can, with no tools or technical training, assemble a building in less than two hours.

Dansenburg commented that while the Ark™ Shelter was developed and intended for use as disaster relief shelters and housing for the homeless, it is

also well-suited for the rigors of military applications. Dansenburg also stated that the product was so well received, negotiations are already underway for additional units.

Duniger Corporation is certified by Washington state as a small Minority Business Enterprise. Dansenburg is a member of the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribe of Oklahoma and KING 5 TV's Community Advisory Committee for Native Americans.

### Tribal member's firm growing fast

Adkins Cabling Systems Inc. of Tucson, Arizona, is 100 percent Indian (Potawatomi) owned communications cabling construction company specializing in the placement of fiber optic cable and copper cable for voice and data networks.

Adkins Cabling Systems, Inc. was awarded a SBA 8(a) title from the U.S. Government which is designed to give minority businesses an edge in competing for federal dollars.

Adkins Cabling Systems Inc. was established in 1986 and has a very distinguished clientele list with various U. S. Government military installations, IBM, Allied Signal, Hughes Missile Systems, and Intel to name a few.

The latest most exciting contracts have come lately with a 22-story Phoenix City Hall facility, a 3 year Arizona Department of Transportation high tech fiber optic information system, and a 3 year project in California for the Bay Area Rapid Transit Systems (BART). Total contract prices are for more than 3 million dollars worth of work.

I am very proud to be a Potawatomi and consider the business to be particularly successful because of our tribe.

Tad Adkins

## CALL TO COUNCIL

June 26, 1993

7 a.m. — Call To Order

7 a.m.-2 p.m. — Recess For On-Site Voting

3 p.m. — Meeting Reconvened For Business

5 p.m. — Free Meal At Pow Wow Grounds

## TRIBAL ELECTION NOTICE

The annual tribal referendum and election will be held on June 26, 1993. Voting will be at the tribal complex the day of the election from 7 a.m. until 2 p.m.

A referendum budget to determine expenditures of accumulated interest from set-aside funds, as well as election of the Tribal Chairman and Grievance Committee members, will be on the ballot.



# 20th Annual CITIZEN BAND POTAWATOMI

## POW-WOW

**JUNE 25, 26 & 27, 1993**

**POTAWATOMI TRIBAL GROUNDS - SHAWNEE, OKLAHOMA  
FRIDAY - SATURDAY - SUNDAY**

**JUNE 25, 26, 27  
COMPETITION POW-WOW  
Point System In Effect**

**GRAND ENTRY TIMES**  
FRIDAY ..... 8 P.M.  
SATURDAY ..... 7 P.M.  
SUNDAY ..... 6 P.M.

### CONTEST CATEGORIES

SR. MEN	SR. LADIES	JR. GIRLS	JR. BOYS
STRAIGHT - FANCY	CLOTH - JINGLE	CLOTH - JINGLE	STRAIGHT - FANCY
TRADITIONAL - GRASS	BUCKSKIN - FANCY	BUCKSKIN - FANCY	TRADITIONAL - GRASS
1st ..... 1500	1st ..... 1000	1st ..... 500	1st ..... 500
2nd ..... 1200	2nd ..... 700	2nd ..... 300	2nd ..... 300
3rd ..... 900	3rd ..... 400	3rd ..... 200	3rd ..... 200
4th ..... 500	4th ..... 200	4th ..... 100	4th ..... 100
FRIDAY JUNE 25 ..... TINY TOT CONTEST			
BOYS AND GIRLS ..... 6 YEARS AND UNDER			

*New!*

#### GOLDEN AGE MEN ALL CATEGORIES

1st ..... 300  
2nd ..... 200  
3rd ..... 100

#### GOLDEN AGE WOMEN ALL CATEGORIES

1st ..... 300  
2nd ..... 200  
3rd ..... 100

#### DRUM CONTEST

1st Pays \$1500 • 2nd Pays \$1000  
3rd Pays \$700 • 4th Pays \$500

#### 49 CONTEST

1st Pays \$500 • 2nd Pays \$300  
3rd Pays \$200

#### HEAD STAFF

Master of Ceremonies ..... Hammond Motah-Carnegie, Okla.  
Master of Ceremonies ..... Dean Whitebreast-Cushing, Okla.  
Head Southern Drum ..... Fort Oakland Ramblers  
Head Northern Drum ..... Blackbird Singers  
Head Man Dancer ..... Pete Moore Jr.-Pawnee, Okla.  
Head Lady Dancer ..... Alice Ann Kaulaity-Norman, Okla.  
Arena Director ..... Freddy Banderas-Apache, Okla.  
Arena Director ..... Cletus Gayton-Carnegie, Okla.  
Arena Director ..... John Peacock-Claresmore, Okla.  
Head Gourd Dancer ..... Jim Smith-Canadian, Okla.  
Pow Wow Princess ..... Shyloh West-Eugene, Oregon

#### GOURD DANCE SCHEDULE

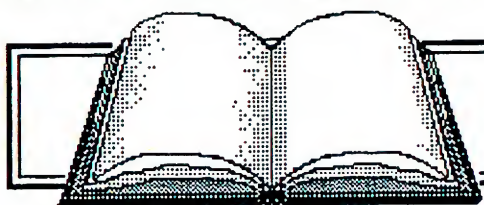
Friday ..... 6-8 p.m.  
Saturday ..... 4-6 p.m.  
Sunday ..... 3-5 p.m.

**POW-WOW DIRECTOR**  
Rusty Cozad

**FOR SPACE RESERVATIONS CALL:**

**MARY FARRELL**  
1901 S. Gordon Cooper Drive  
Shawnee, Okla. 74801  
(405) 275-3121  
1-800-880-9880





## For the record...

### Business Committee Meeting February 18, 1993

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett Jr., Vice Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Committeeman Jerry P. Motley, Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell.

Tribal Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Bob Davis moved to approve Resolution #93-46 moving the mandatory Business Committee meeting from February 25, 1993 to February 18th, 1993; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve the minutes of the November 23, 1992 Business Committee meeting; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Business Committee recessed at 7:15 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 7:20 p.m.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #93-47 appointing Henry A. Ware as Public Defender for the Citizen Band Potawatomi Tribal Court; Bob Davis seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Bob Davis moved to approve Resolution #93-48 appealing on behalf of Robert Leon Bruno for the purpose of resolving the validity of his Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Blood degree; John Barrett seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #93-49 enrolling 16 applicants eligible for enrollment under previous guidelines; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

John Barrett moved to approve Resolution #93-50 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #93-51 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #93-52 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #93-54 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #93-55 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to approve Resolution #93-56 enrolling 25 descendency applicants; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve Resolution #93-57 approving 1983 per capita payment to tribal members Gary Leo Kilby and Kimberly Nelson, who were eligible for enrollment in 1983 by blood degree, but were denied and a per capita payment for William Warren Melot who was

also eligible for 1983 per capita payment; Bob Davis seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Business Committee recessed at 8:10 p.m.

Business Committee reconvened at 8:27 p.m.

Hilton Melot moved to submit to the Election Committee the following amendment to the Election Ordinance: Each candidate filing for a Business Committee position shall state that he or she will submit a completed personal information form to the Comptroller of the Currency as required under the Standard Change of Control application form for National Banks no later than 7 days after elections are held. This statement will be incorporated into the candidates filing form; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

John Barrett moved to instruct First Oklahoma Bank to issue a \$200,000.00 Capital Call to stockholders, the Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian tribe will appropriate funds from Tribal Enterprise funds for the Tribe's balance of the \$200,000.00 call; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Hilton Melot moved to approve the leasing of banking equipment to First Oklahoma Bank valued at \$75,000.00 for a period of one year beginning April 1, 1993 with interest of 7% incorporated in the lease cost, paid in 12 equal payments to the Tribe; Jerry Motley seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Linda Capps moved to adjourn Business Committee; Jerry Motley seconded. Meeting adjourned at 11:10 p.m.

### Special Business Committee Meeting March 17, 1993

Chairman Barrett called the meeting to order at 7:25 p.m.

Present: Chairman John A. Barrett, Jr., Vice-Chairman Linda Capps, Secretary-Treasurer Bob Davis, Committeeman Hilton Melot, Committeeman Jerry Motley, Grievance Committee Member Gene Bruno, First Oklahoma Bank President Murlin Derebery, Senior Vice President Jim Hayden, Directors John Robinson and Jerry O'Connor.

Bob Davis moved to waive the reading of the minutes from the February 18, 1993 Business Committee meeting; Hilton Melot seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

The meeting was called to negotiate what percentage of profit to take back as rent from the First Oklahoma Bank. Bob Davis moved to approve Resolution #93-61 to effect the retention of 95.9% of the profits of First Oklahoma Bank, NA for additional capital for the next three years and retain 100% of profits over and above reasonable building rent in future years until such time as a minimum of 8% capital ratio is attained; Linda Capps seconded. Passed 5 in favor, 0 opposed.

Bob Davis moved to adjourn meeting; Jerry Motley seconded. Meeting adjourned at 9:30 p.m.



## A Potawatomi welcome to these new members

The following tribal members were eligible for enrollment by descendency and were enrolled May 27, 1993.

Adams, John Christopher  
Allen, Eric Thomas  
Allen, Mark Stewart  
Allen, Matthew Thomas  
Anderson, Franki Lynn  
Anderson, William Allen  
Austin, Adam Shane  
Austin, Dustin James  
Austin, Jessica Desiree  
Baker, Robert Grant  
Baptiste, Tyler Mackenzie  
Bartkus, Jillian Leigh  
Basappa, Susanna Nila  
Bibb, Bill Wendell  
Bibb, Dustin Duane  
Blackburn, Jordan Coughlin  
Blackburn, Ryan Coughlin  
Blassingame, Daniel Joseph  
Blowers, Laurie Ann  
Blowers, Lisa Louise  
Boffill, John Thomas  
Boydston, Melinda Sue Luthye  
Boydston, Victoria Frances  
Bray, Ashley Nicole Nadine  
Bray, Mark Allen, Jr.  
Brown, Kayla Marie  
Brown, Kimberly Kay Capps  
Bruno, Eric Lee  
Burgan, Gianna Nicole  
Burleson, Wayne Eugene  
Burns, Bettina Lee  
Burns, Damien Duane  
Bury, Ryan James  
Campbell, Aleshia Bell  
Campbell, Amy Michelle  
Campbell, Vickie Jo Sutton  
Campbell, Zshaynelle Leigh  
Carlisle, Loren Ashley  
Carlisle, Herman Wayne  
Carlisle, JoEll Rose  
Carr, Tamara Jean Smith  
Cearley, Jace Adam  
Cearley, Jennifer Lynn  
Chaulk, Matthew Aaron  
Claar, Aaron James  
Claar, Jeffrey Scott

Claar, Kyle Dean  
Claar, Timothy David  
Clark, Christopher Courtney  
Clark, Courtney Ann  
Clark, Jason Daniel  
Clark, Matthew Wayne  
Clary, Matthew David  
Clary, Stephanie Fern  
Cline, Nicole Danielle  
Cockrell, Jerry Wayne  
Cockrell, Timmy Lynn  
Converse, Molly Renee Navarre  
Copeland, Maranda Ann  
Coronado, Nathan Philip  
Cribbs, Adam Kenneth  
Crook, Amber Masei  
Davidson, Jacob Britton  
Dawson, Carla Renae  
Dawson, Melissa Dawn  
Dawson, Shawn Eric  
Deadwiley, Mary Gabrielle  
DeLona, Cierra Noreen  
Deweese, Carisa Carol  
Deweese, Emily Dan  
Deweese, Taylor Sam  
Duggan, Lacie Nicole  
Dunn, Angela Michelle  
Fahey, Charlotte Ann Phillips  
Fowler, Kyle Alan  
Fox, Bill David  
Freeman, Felicia Karen Isaacs  
Garcia, Mercedes Jeanette  
Gilmore, Cole Matthew  
Glynn, Christopher James  
Goodin, Alan Katie  
Goodin, Heidi Lujulie  
Goodin, Jessie Lauren  
Graham, Chelsea Lee  
Greenfield, Dennis Dwight  
Greenfield, Susan Rene  
Gribble, Hannah Elizabeth  
Hampton, Christopher David  
Hatley, Amy Kathryn Powers  
Haynes, Brenda Ann  
Haynes, Christa Marie  
Haynes, Cody Alan  
Haynes, Harold Dean, Jr.  
Haynes, Jimmy Wayne  
Haynes, Michelle Marie Ann

Haynes, Scott Lee James  
Hess, Skyler Dawn  
Holt, Jack Christopher  
Holt, Traci Christian  
Hood, Michael Tyrone  
Hoover, Damon Reesh  
Howard, Arielle Claudine  
Howard, Edwin Alex, II  
Hull, Crystal Gayle  
Hull, Michael Paul  
Hull, William Joseph  
Hynick, Rayan Thomas  
Isaacs, Michele Ann  
Jarman, LeAnna Marie Denton  
Jinks, Robert Carl III  
Joeckel, Tanner Wayne  
Johnson, Mary Michaelle  
Johnson, Robert Allan  
Johnson, Tina Louise Eggers  
Jordan, Alesha Fawn  
Jordan, Sarah Lynnette  
Keller, Jennifer Sue  
Keller, John Lawrence  
Keplinger, Blayne Ryan  
Keplinger, Lance Edward  
Klein, Stefani Joan  
Knight, Dallas Wade  
Knight, Haley Denay  
Lawrence, Robert James  
Lee, April Dawn  
Lee, Brandy Renee  
Lee, Brooke Mariah  
Lee, Jacob Andrew, Jr.  
Lee, Jason Allen  
Leedy, Emma Louise  
Lehman, Brian Eugene  
Lindsey, Brie Jodean  
Lindsey, Daniel Joseph  
Lindsey, Joshua Dean  
Love, Alexis Rachell  
Mahoney, Patrick Sean  
Malakowsky, Treena Leigh  
Malchose, Elizabeth Nicole  
Malchose, Kacie Lynn  
Malchose, Scott Erik  
Malone, Ann Marie  
Mandrell, Shane Dell  
Marcus, Brittany Dawn  
Mathes, Chad James

Mathes, Randy Edward  
Mathes, William Emery, Jr.  
Mayhew, Tonia Annette  
Melot, Adam Jeremy  
Melot, Mary Catherine  
Melot, Michael Bryon  
Mitchell, April Helen  
Mitchell, Bradd Tyce  
Mitchell, Chadd Bryce  
Mitchell, Jeffrey Moad  
Moss, Kathryn Doll  
Motley, Randall Scott  
Navarre, David Allen  
Neal, Mark Alan  
Nelson, Doneta Darlene  
Nelson, Gordon Eric  
Northcross, Daniel Dwayne  
Notter, Kathy Alta Mathes  
O'Dell, Dianna Mae Lawson  
O'Dell, Dustin Colton  
Ondiak, Kaylee Elizabeth  
Page, Connie Michele  
Parker, Jake Edward  
Parker, Regina Louise Clark  
Parker, Tyler Jesse  
Parks, Abram Burnett  
Parks, Nowa Irah  
Parrino, Kurt James  
Parrino, Salvatore Michael  
Patterson, Chelsey Danae  
Paxton, Presley Gil  
Payne, Candice Lorraine  
Payne, Jonathan Duane  
Payne, Roy Allen, Jr.  
Pecore, Jared Blaze  
Perez, Michelle Rene  
Perez, Nicole Marie  
Peters, Stephenie Kate  
Pettit, Jennifer Nicole  
Pettit, Maria Nicole Stramski  
Pittman, Jeremy Pace  
Pringle, Aron Scott  
Pringle, LaTrisha Dawn  
Pringle, Monte Allen  
Ransom, Steven Ray  
Roberts, Kristen Michelle  
Robertson, Craig McCarty  
Rolfe, Carter Parrish  
Roselius, Austen Gene

Rothstein, Pamela Kay Phillips  
Roush, Pamela June Lehman  
Roush, Tara June  
Sbardella, Allison Luella  
Schmidt, Timothy Jason  
Schutte, Steven Lee  
Shaw, John PieceLee  
Sheffield, Shayla Beth  
Sherman, Gay LeAnn  
Shrepfer, Erin Alexandra  
Siefker, Amanda Lynne  
Siefker, Kristin Marie  
Siefker, Terry Ray  
Slavin, Aaron Michael  
Slavin, Emilie Nicole  
Slavin, Julie Deann  
Slavin, William Dean, Jr.  
Smalley, Carrie Jeanette  
Smith, James Tray  
Smith, Kenneth Dale  
Smith, Michelle Rene  
Spence, Lindsey Anne  
Spence, Nicole Marie  
Spence, Travis John  
Stephenson, Andrea Lynn Hood  
Stiles, Heather Marie  
Stuart, Charley Victor  
Stum, Austin Lee  
Stum, Chance Edward  
Sutton, Audie Shawn Dale  
Sutton, Larry Dwayne, Jr.  
Swarb, Mandi Michelle  
Swarb, Misty Ann  
Swiggum, Blake Michael  
Swiggum, Renee Denise Toupin  
Tade, Lauren Nicole  
Taylor, Carl Monroe, Jr.  
Taylor, Genieve Marie  
Taylor, Joshua Downing  
Theis, James William  
Theis, Jeffrey Antone  
Trousedale, Floyd James  
Trousedale, Leann Christine  
Turley, Patrick James  
Underwood, Tyler Austin  
Vaughan, Katelynn Chloe  
Vaughn, Casey Joseph  
Vawter, Jane Patrice  
Wallace, Kevin Michael

Wallace, Mark James  
Walters, Melinda Wyatt  
Warren, Lori Ann Campbell  
Watkins, Angela Majureen  
Weimer, Kody Dale  
White, Chad Aaron  
White, Christy Lynn  
Whitehead, Brianna Louise  
Wiles, Richard Joseph  
Wisdom, Joseph Paul  
Wolf, Tonya Eve Lawson  
Womack, Grant Phillip  
Womack, Scott Ryan  
Yanke, Trevor Robert  
Zamora, Heriberto III  
Zen-Ruffinen, Jerome Howard

The following 27 members were eligible for enrollment under previous guidelines and were enrolled May 27, 1993.

Alderson, Charlotte Rhodd  
Allen, Dorothy Lou Bostick  
Allen, Lois Ellen  
Baker, Donald Dewayne  
Brokaw, Terri Lynn McLaughlin  
Burnett, Brian Denley  
Curley, Cleda M. Rhodd  
Doyle, April Lynn  
Jenks, James William  
Jordan, Donald Ray  
Jordan, Dorothy Jean  
Jordan, Eva Rhodd  
Jordan, Timmy  
Kabance, Jadee Jacqueline  
Kramer, Donna Faye  
Kreutzer, Kevin Warner  
Lewis, Jack Willard  
Mathes, William Emery  
Morris, Nicholas Dane  
Motley, Rhonda LaTrell  
Neilsen, Sherri Venise  
Nelson, Audrey Leigh  
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- 5.** Potawatomis from across the nation have been brought into Tribal government through our Regional Council program! It wasn't always that way!
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# **Chairman John A. 'Rocky' BARRETT**

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WALKING ON...

**Ruth Elaine Seaton**  
Montgomery, TX—Funeral services for Ruth Elaine Seaton, 68, of Montgomery, were held Thursday, May 6, 1993 at 2 p.m. in Walden Community Church with Rev. Jack Treend officiating. Interment and graveside services were in Forest Park Cemetery, Shreveport, LA. Friday, May 7, 1993 at 1 p.m. with Cashner Funeral Home in charge of arrangements.

Mrs. Seaton was born February 16, 1925 in Tecumseh, OK, and passed away May 4, 1993 in Conroe, TX. She was a member of Walden Community Church, Walden Golf Club and the P.E.O. Club.

**Survivors:** husband, Lawrence P. Seaton, Jr. of Montgomery, TX; daughter and son-in-law, Margaret and Thomas Peavy of Atlanta, TX; daughter, Joanna L. West of Edmond, OK; son, Lawrence P. Seaton, III of Lake Jackson, TX; sisters, Willie Lee Scott of Okmulgee, OK; Rose Marian and David Wilson of Longview, TX and Helen Lois Pope of Oklahoma City, OK; brother-in-law, Bobby A. Poole of Houston, TX; four grandchildren also survive.

Ruth was the great-granddaughter of Matilda Bergeron and Wesley Lewis, granddaughter of Laura Lewis Gilbert and the daughter of William Wesley Gilbert.

(This notice was sent in by daughter Joanna West, who said her mother was "very proud of her Indian heritage and had attended the regional meeting in the Houston area only a couple of weeks before her death.")

**Myrtle Faye "Mert" Short**  
Myrtle Faye "Mert" Short, 55 of Sand Springs, Oklahoma, died Saturday, May 1, 1993 in Tulsa.

Mert was born March 16, 1938, in Sand Springs, the daughter of Edward and Bertha (Eigel) Crumbo.

She was married to John Short August 2, 1956, in Sand Springs, and was preceded in death by her father and a son, Ricky Wayne Short, in 1972.

Mert was a very caring person, generous with her time and talents and was the leader of the Crumbo family in Sand Springs. She helped her mother with medical requirements, did tax returns for brothers, and organized the Crumbo family Christmas parties and other family activities. Some of Mert's favorite activities included travel and playing bingo with her sisters.

Mert was a loving, generous wife and mother who taught her children, through example, how to forgive and love. She was dearly loved by everyone and we will all miss her greatly.

She is survived by her husband, John, a daughter, Linda Carpenter of Broken Arrow; a son Bobby Short of Sand Springs; five sisters, Isabel Gravitt of Sand Springs, Betty Hillstead of Muskogee, Norma Bright of McCloud, Mary Carter of Moore and Carol Cox of Midwest City; three brothers, Carl and James Crumbo of Sand Springs and Donald Crumbo of Skiatook; and three grandchildren, John Enno, Jenifer Enno and Jeremy Enno.

Funeral services were held Wednesday, May 5, at 2 p.m. in the Church of God with the Reverend David Williams officiating. Interment followed at Woodlawn Cemetery, Sand Springs, Oklahoma.

Mert was the great great granddaughter of Louis Wilmette and Wa-wiet-mo-qu and great granddaughter of Mary Ann Wilmette Hurd. Mert was also a niece of Potawatomi artist Woody Crumbo.



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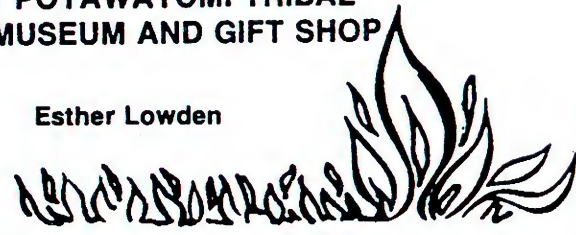
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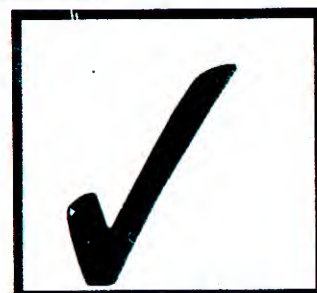
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## HOUSTON

### Bourzho from Houston,

I have enjoyed the phone calls from you this month. I trust that you all have received the cultural material you signed in for at the Council Meeting. If any have not, please call and I will do my best to get it to you.

School is finally out! My grandchildren are due here this weekend, and we are excited about that. We really appreciate the time we have with them.

Our garden suffers from too much rain, and still it falls. The animals seem to like it, however, and they look healthy, so I guess complaints are not in order. We are watching three raccoons, some whitetail deer, an occasional grey fox, and a good assortment of birds on a regular basis. By being very still, I can sit by the window in my office, and they come to feed within about twenty five feet of the windows.

Evelyn Whipple has had her surgery, and is recovering well. We are grateful for that.

I would appreciate hearing from you, regarding any special events in your life that you would like to share. I can then include them in this letter to our family and friends living about the country.

As we read this, we will be together in Shawnee for the Pow Wow. This is good.

Lu Ellis

## DENVER

By the time you read this, I will either be at Pow Wow and Council Meeting or will have just returned from having what I know will be a most enjoyable time. I am really looking forward to this trip and we are scheduled to meet with every department at the Tribal Complex, so hopefully I can return with all kind of new information about benefits and what is available to all of us so that I may share it with you.

For those of you attending in person, I do hope you and I have (or had) a chance to meet while we're there. For those of you who were unable to attend, I promise I'll take notes and give you a full report in next month's column.

In case you missed it in last month's paper, our own Regional Council meeting will be in September at Chief Hosa Lodge and I still need volunteers to help with the sound system and entertainment as well as letting me know what you would like discussed, and any ideas to make it even bigger and better than last year's. For those of you who didn't attend last year, I do want to assure you that we have both an indoor and outdoor facility available, so don't let the weather be a factor in your decision to attend. We're flexible.

Until after Pow-Wow ...

Megwetch

Norma Whitley

## SEATTLE

Greetings from sunny Seattle! After wading through one of our wettest winters, we welcome sunshine and 80 degree days and feel that somehow that rain was worth it after all.

Plans for Washington State picnics continue to move forward. The Olympic peninsula picnic will be held July 25 at Manchester State Park, a beautiful spot outside Port Orchard. Camping is available on a first-come, first-served basis and we have reserved a covered pavilion with a grassy lawn which is wheelchair-accessible and will easily have room for 150 or more. Flyers will be mailed out in early July.

Philonise Kulani and Rosalee Palmer are putting together a full day of activities and we invite all of you to join us for all or part of the day. We're trying to arrange for an Anishinabe storyteller to fellowship with us and share the stories common to our culture.

August 14 is the date tentatively set for the Spokane-area picnic. Donna Hallgreen is looking for someone willing to work with her planning the day (please give me a call at the region office if you can help her and I'll fill you in on the details). Again, everyone is invited to join us — more information will be available on a flyer as she gets the day together.

A while back I spent the morning gathering information at a media access workshop sponsored by a local television station. During a break I spoke with a woman who runs an organization for home-schoolers of diverse ethnic backgrounds. She is seeking a Native American home schooler who would be willing to write about his/her experiences home schooling Native American children and then submit the article for publication in their newsletter, The Drinking Gourd. If this would interest you, give me a call and I'll pass on her name. She could also send you a copy of the newsletter to give you an idea of what they are looking for.

There still hasn't been a call from anyone seeking an earring lost at the March 13 regional meeting; I have it on my desk so if it's yours, call and describe and I'll mail it to you.

I was thinking this weekend of the honor paid to me by allowing me to work for the Potawatomi people as a regional representative. It is a privilege to do so and I hope I can live up to the trust given to me.

Take time this week to call a family member or a close friend and let them know how much you appreciate them. A dear friend of mine passed away in April. I realized how short a time we really have to tell someone we care. It can be a big step to take but please take it.

Susan Campbell

## DALLAS

With the Northern Texas Regional meeting behind me, I set out for the Southern Texas Region to see how the other half — of Texas, that is — lived. The weather was as uncertain as ours has been. My son, Davis Hobdy the navigator, missed the road I wanted to take, but we still made it earlier than certain people from Oklahoma City who really missed the road. The day turned out to be just beautiful as was Lu Ellis' meeting.

And that brings me to the point, Northern Texas tribal members. Houston had a much better attendance percentage wise than we did.

Can we let that happen? We need to plan for a mini-regional in the fall, a pot luck affair this time. Mid-September to early October seems a good time frame. So call or drop me a note with your preference. It's not too early to lay ground work for next spring's Regional.

We had a small contingent of Citizen Band Potawatomis at a walk/run to benefit the Indian Center of Dallas (which is in Grand Prairie). Karin Kreager led the warm-up before the race. Potawatomi winning trophies were: Female 15 and under-Brooke Anderson, 1st place and Ashley Anderson, 2nd place Stroller riding-Alyssa Anderson, 3rd place, Female 31 and older-Kim Anderson, 2nd place and that was pushing the stroller. Karen Tescier Stray, Adele Blair Kreager, Craig Anderson and I were also there to support the cause.

Only one member of the Anderson family was without a trophy and we pointed that out to Craig in case he had not noticed. There was no trophy for going halfway and turning back, so I didn't win either. Craig Anderson is on the Board of the American Indian Center of Dallas which is a facility for counseling and treatment for drug and alcohol abuse. The Center is engaged in a drive to raise a million dollars for a new building, which is badly needed. Kim Anderson is also working to help with the fund raising. If any of you have time or resources to devote, this is a worthwhile endeavor supporting the Indian community in this area. Give Craig or Kim a call at 570-7973 or call me at 790-3075 or 1-800-742-3075 and I'll relay the message.

I'll see or will have seen you at the Pow Wow.

## PASADENA

### Bourzho from Pasadena,

Summer is upon us and the summer school/swim party/camp cycle is under way.

Thank goodness for the Pow Wow in Shawnee! It provides such a wonderful break and rejuvenation of spirit.

It's a long time between regional council meeting and we need to gather together more often. Over the summer is a perfect time for us to have a pot luck picnic. I know that there are other informal picnics scheduled in many of the other regions — two in Washington, one in Northern California, one in Arizona and probably a couple in Texas. Are we going to be outdone by the other regions?

Let's plan a picnic for late August or early September. I'll set it up and those of you interested in lending a hand, please call me. And if you can think of a better spot than where we held last February's regional council meeting (Brookside Park in Pasadena), you'd better call me as soon as you read this and tell me where it is. I'll need the time to make whatever arrangements need to be made.

Those of you who will be unable to attend Pow wow this year, I hope to be your eyes and ears. When I step into that dance circle in the Grand Entry, marching behind our tribal flag, I represent all of you. I hope to bring honor to all the tribal members in the Southern California region. Your prayers towards those ends are always appreciated.

In addition, I'll be videotaping much of the pow wow activities, and I'll have those tapes running at the picnic and probably at the regional council meeting, too. So if you miss out on this year's pow wow, take heart. We can share what happened this year, and start making plans for next year.

Megwetch,

Jeremy Bertrand Finch



## REGIONAL OFFICE REPORTS

### KANSAS CITY

#### Bourzho From Kansas City:

What a wonderful regional council meeting we had here in the Midwest. If you missed it, you missed a really great time. I want to thank all of you who attended. I want to offer special thanks to Orval Adams, who kept the sign-in table running smoothly, and to Bill Welch, Keeper of the Fire, and to Wayne Welch and Jeremy Finch for all your help with everything. All of your volunteer services were greatly appreciated. Also special thanks to our business committee who attended, Rocky, Linda, Bob, Gene and Esther for making these meetings possible.

Among some of our honored guests were some of the members of the Kansas City Indian Club who provided entertainment with singing, dancing and drumming for all to enjoy and what a great job they did. Various tribes were represented such as Choctaw, Cherokee, Quapaw and Potawatomi. For those of you expressed an interest in learning to dance, please contact me at the regional office for more information.

The highlight of the meeting was introducing the Prairie Band Potawatomi tribal Chairman, George Wahquahboshkuk. I sent him an invitation to join us for the meeting and he gratefully accepted. He couldn't stay long because of another obligation, but I introduced him and he addressed the crowd. Mr. Wahquahboshkuk expressed a willingness to try and put our past differences aside and try to work together in harmony for a better future for all Potawatomi people. As he spoke, he drew applause from the audience as he addressed the crowd. I was very honored to have him as our guest. As for my part I vow to do all I can to help and bring harmony to the Potawatomi Nation.

Don't forget about the Kansas City Indian Club Pow Wow on July 9-11. We have George Godfrey, Citizen Band Potawatomi, as head man, and Pamela Whiteman, Cheyenne Arapaho/Potawatomi, as head lady. Hope to see all of you at the pow wow. If you have any questions about anything I can help you with, call me!

Megwetch,  
Maryann Frank

### PORTLAND

#### Bozho my Oregon brother!

June is the month for weddings and graduation. How very exciting this time in life becomes. Not only for the graduate but for the family as well. I would like to take the space this month to congratulate all the Potawatomi who reached their goal of graduating, be it eighth grade, high school, or college. I am proud of you! I want you to be proud of you accomplishments too. It is a new milestone in you life and new beginning for your next goal in life. I wish you all luck and good wishes ...

I haven't heard from too many of our members about seniors who have graduated this year. Hopefully you will call me and let me know if you child or someone you know graduated so I can feature them in the How Ni Kan. Send me a picture.

Here in Gervais High School we have two Potawatomi boys in school. One graduated this year. Jason Robert Kilby graduated on June 9 with 45 of his classmates. Jason was awarded an academic scholarship to Western Oregon State College in Monmouth Oregon for next year. The scholarship is for full tuition and fees, and is renewable for up to five years. He plans to take computer science as his major and computer art as a minor. His grade point average was 3.3 for his four years here. He lettered all four years in football, three years in baseball, and two years in basketball. He was named first team All League for third base.



Jason Robert Kilby

Jason was also recognized as one of 36 boys in Oregon to play baseball in the East-West Senior All-State Series. It is played in John Day this year. Since John Day as you know is quite a distance from Salem, Jason needed a sponsor. Network Connectors, a Potawatomi-owned business in Oregon City, gave Jason the needed funds to make the trip. I hope you all get to meet Jason at the August Pow Wow in Gervais this year. He and his brother Gary ran one of the concession stands last year and have volunteered again this year.

To all the other graduates this year, I send my very best and many good wishes for the future.

Oliver Wendell Holmes said, "To reach our goals, we must sail, sometimes with the wind and sometimes almost against it — but we must sail, Not drift, or lie at anchor."

Megwetch,

Rocky Baptiste

## AIAC accepting applications for arts festival

The American Indian Arts Council of Dallas (AIAC) is pleased to announce that it is now accepting applications for the 4th Annual American Indian ArtFestival & Market.

This multi-media juried ArtFestival and Market is open to Native American Artists who provide official proof of tribal affiliation and have met the standards established by the

AIAC. In addition to exhibiting and selling handmade works of art, the Artists are invited to compete in the Juried Art Show & Competition which is scheduled for Friday, November 5th.

Winners of the Juried Competition will be awarded ribbons and prize monies in their respective categories.

Application Packets must be received or post-marked no later

than July 31st. Selected Artists will be notified by letter by August 15th.

Interested Native American Artists may write or contact the AIAC for an applications and/or information to American Indian Arts Council, 725 Preston Forest Shopping Center, Suite B, Dallas, TX 75230 (214)891-9640, FAX (214)891-0221.

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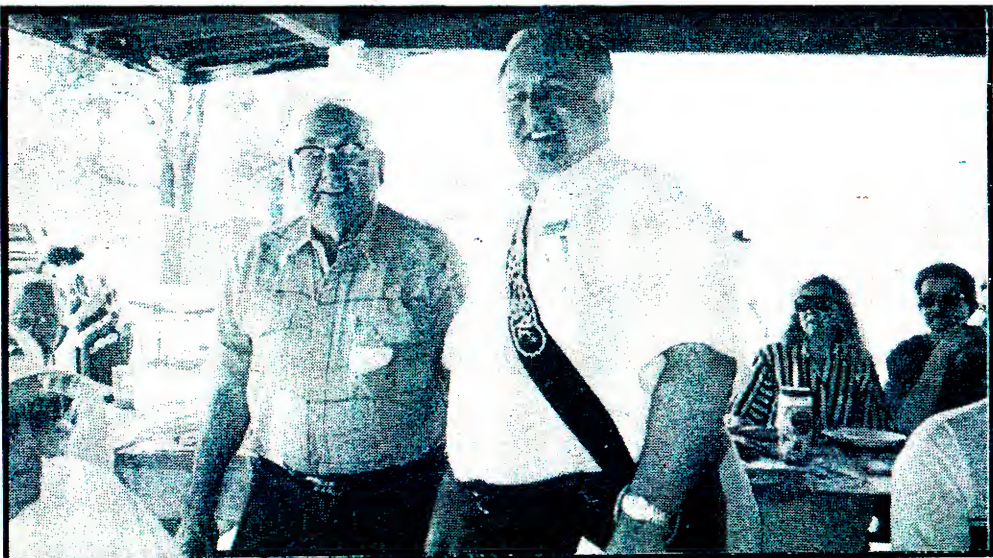


# Midwest Reg

## May 1



Tanner Wayne Joeckel, the youngest enrolled tribal member at the council, and his mother Ronda meet Chairman John A. Barrett Jr. Tanner was 7½ weeks old when this picture was taken. He and mother are from Spring Hill, Kansas.



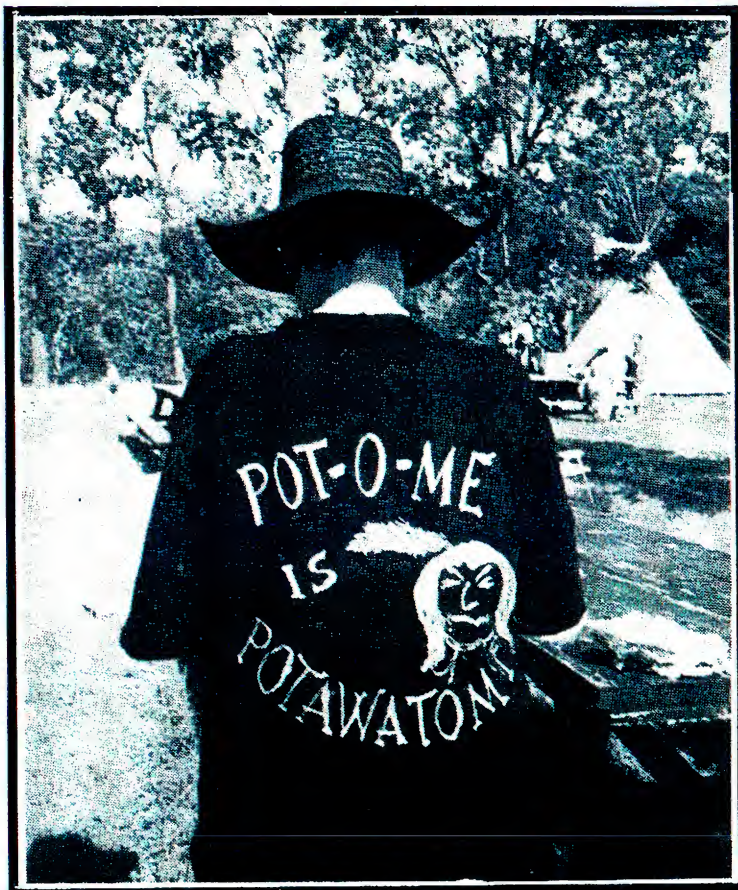
Orval Adams, 83 years wise, is presented his award by Chairman Barrett. Orval, who hails from Kansas City, Kansas, also served as registrar for the meeting.



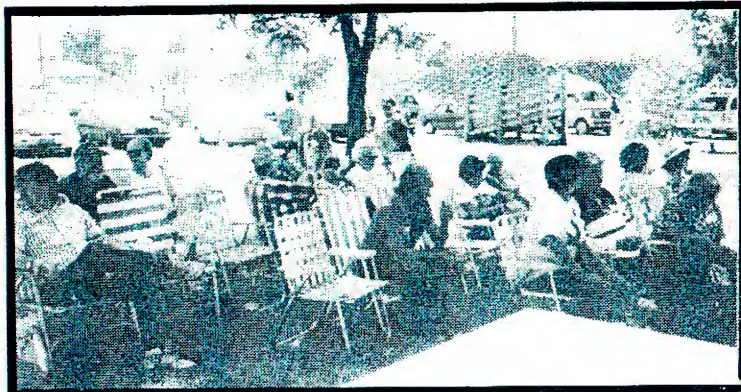
Jerry VanVactor traveled all the way from Fort Dodge, Iowa, for the Midwest Regional Council and was honored as the tribal member who had come the longest way. The trip is about 300 miles.



The Spaulding family came to the Midwest Regional en masse. Brot family. Their other brother, Charles, wasn't present but



'A pot-o-me is Potawatomi' — That catchy phrase was painted on the back of a t-shirt worn by Mary Prickett of Wamego, Kansas. She had a lot of fun wearing it.



It wasn't always the easiest thing, but people found the shade at this regional!

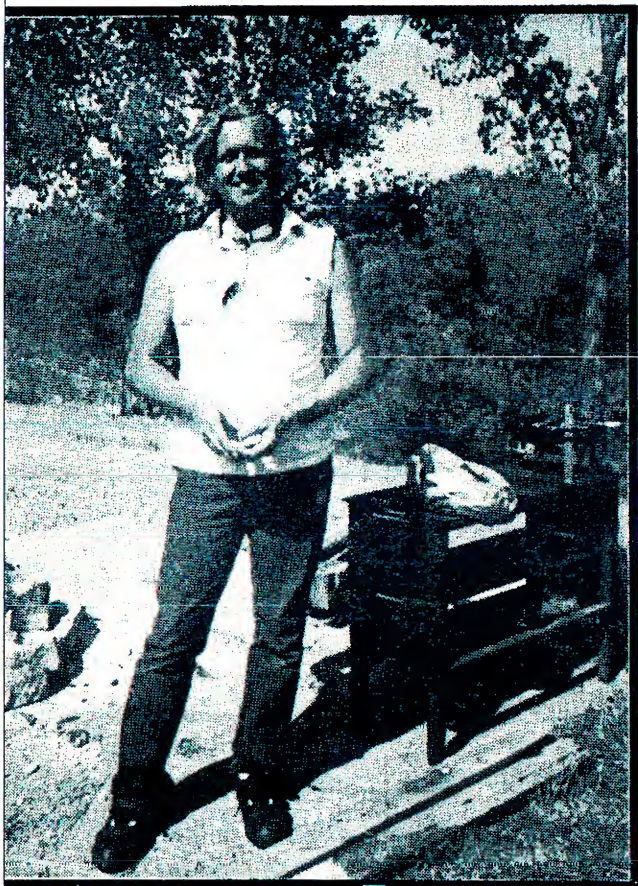


# onal Council

## 1993



t (standing at right) and Gene (seated) are proud of the  
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member Bill Welch of Leavenworth, Kansas, was the  
er of the fire" for the day. Bill is a descendant of the  
Greemore family.



e gift shop was in a hot area — and it did a sizzling  
business!



Three-year-old Ricaela Hernandez, daughter of Cindy Welday of Lawrence, Kansas, was  
dressed up for the pow wow.

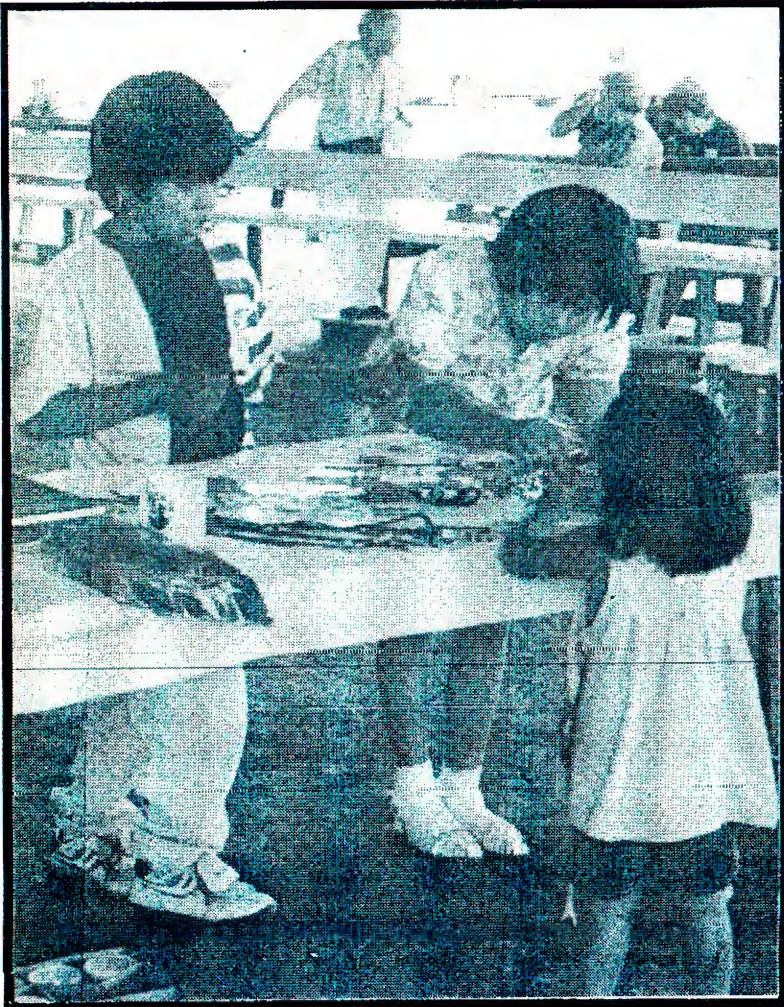


Mary Ann Frank With John Barrett

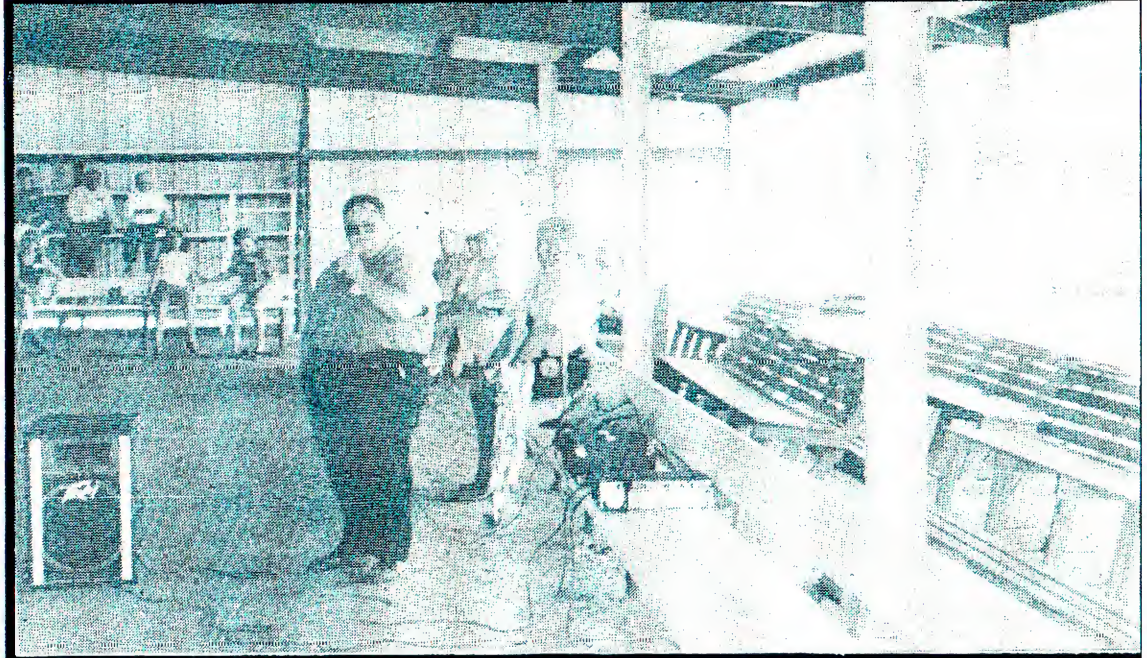


# TULSA REGIONAL

June 6, 1993, Hominy Indian Village, Hominy, Oklahoma



The kids were interested in the merchandise brought from Shawnee. A lot of adults were, too.



Chairman John A. Barrett relinquished the microphone to his election opponent, Francis Levier. Levier urged everyone to vote.

## Unusual regional council held at Osage Tribal Ceremonial Grounds

An unusual Regional Council meeting for the Northeast Oklahoma and Southeast Kansas area was held in Hominy, Oklahoma, on June 6. Museum Curator Esther Lowden arranged for the tribe to use Osage tribal ceremonial grounds, the first time another tribe has used those facilities. A traditional meal was served to the small group attending, which included both candidates for Tribal Chairman. Chairman John Barrett offered the microphone to opponent Dr. Francis Levier, who spoke briefly urging everyone to vote. Chairman Barrett twice opened the floor to questions and discussions during the meeting, although no issues were raised. As usual, the chairman honored the wisest tribal member present, Mary Long, 87; the youngest, Eric Lenertz, 14 months; and the one who traveled the farthest, Andy Rogers of Tom Bean, Texas. Unfortunately, photographs of some of these people did not turn out. Chairman Barrett thanked the Osage tribe for allowing the Potawatomis to use the excellent facilities before adjourning the meeting for visiting.



Carla Cozad holds Russell



Eric Lenertz, 14 months, was the youngest tribal member present. He is shown with his mother and Chairman John A. Barrett Jr.



Chairman Barrett Visits With Tribal Members Who Made The Trip To Hominy



Herman and Anna Sleeper did the cooking with able help from Alfred



Former Chairman Leon Bruno Also Visited With Tribal Members At The Tulsa Regional





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# Tribal Rolls director explains blood degree controversy

(Editor's Note: The following article was written by Tribal Rolls Director Mary Farrell to response to some of the questions which have raised in recent weeks about determination of blood degrees.)

I have been in Tribal Rolls since April 1, 1989 and never thought that I would have to defend myself like I am now.

Since my name has been in all of the local newspapers and the HowNiKan, I would like to tell my side and reply to the ongoing articles and letters that are being published in the local newspapers and the HowNiKan.

Robert Leon Bruno states in all of his articles that I lowered his blood degree. I did not lower his blood degree!

There have been five appeals filed through the years on the brothers and sisters of Mose Bruno, who is Leon's grandfather.

We used Sheila Hall's appeal because it was the last one filed, which was answered on May 24th, 1984 by the Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C.

John B. Bruno and Mary Rhodd were the parents of John A. Bruno, Belle Bruno, Julia Bruno, Samuel Bruno, Josephine Bruno, Joseph Oliver Bruno and Mose Bruno.

The first appeal that I have on record was in 1965, from Anadarko Area Office, Anadarko, Oklahoma, concerning Belle Bruno Lehman and it states that although 1937 roll shows Bells Bruno Lehman as 3/8, believe she (like John A. Bruno) actually possesses 1/2 degree Citizen Potawatomi blood.

The second appeal on record is dated August 21, 1969, from United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. and it concerns Julia Bruno Ship-she-wano Vieux and it states that Julia Bruno Ship-she-wano Vieux, the daughter of John and Mary Bruno, claimed to be 1/2 degree Indian in her application for a patent-in-fee. Inasmuch as both of her parents were enrolled Citizen Potawatomi Indians, we have considered her 1/2 degree Indian blood as 1/2 degree Citizen Potawatomi blood.

The third appeal on record is 1973, from United States Department of the Interior, Office of the Solicitor, and it concerns Josephine Bruno and it shows her 1/2 degree Citizen Potawatomi and it states that on July 7, 1969, the Acting Deputy Commissioner of Indian Affairs determined that Julia Bruno Ship-she-wano, the sister of Josephine Bruno, possessed 1/2 degree Citizen Potawatomi blood. Since they were full sisters, Josephine Bruno Tarter would also possess 1/2 degree Citizen Potawatomi blood.

The fourth appeal was filed on the Vieux family and is dated 1978, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. and it shows Ellen Vieux, the daughter of Jacob Vieux and Elizabeth Goslin, 9/16 Citizen Potawatomi blood, married to Joseph O. Bruno, 1/2 Citizen Potawatomi blood, and the same appeal shows Mary Vieux, 9/16 Citizen Potawatomi, married to John A. Bruno, 1/2 Citizen Potawatomi.

The fifth appeal is Sheila Hall's appeal and it is dated May 24, 1984, United States Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, Washington, D.C. and it states: "Although you claim John Baptiste Bruno and Mary Rhodd were fullblood Citizen Potawatomi Indians, you submitted no documentary evidence of your claim other than a family history outline. We have concluded, therefore, that our July 17, 1941, decision that Alex Rhodd and Zoa Bruno were halfblood Citizen Potawatomi Indians must stand. Mary Rhodd and John Baptiste Bruno were likewise halfblood Citizen Potawatomi Indians. Samuel W. Bruno, therefore, possessed 1/2 degree Citizen Potawatomi blood."

You don't have to be a mathematician to understand the appeals; it is only common sense. If Belle Bruno Lehman, Julia Bruno Ship-she-wano Vieux, Josephine Bruno Tarter, Joseph O. Bruno, John A. Bruno, all children of John B. Bruno and Mary Rhodd, are 1/2 Citizen Potawatomi, wouldn't Mose Bruno, their brother, be 1/2 Citizen Potawatomi?

Some of the descendants of Mose Bruno had been corrected in the files, but most were not.

After talking to the Bureau of Indian Affairs on the appeals, they told me that even though the last appeal was in 1984, we should still notify all heads of families, descendants of Mose Bruno, which we did. We mailed 50 certified letters to all heads of families giving them thirty days to appeal the lower blood degree, which Robert Leon Bruno did. As a matter of fact, we have received eleven identical appeal letters from family members of Leon. Robert Leon Bruno's appeal was sent to the Area Director and as soon as we get a ruling from the Bureau of Indian Affairs, we will then notify the families of the decision.

I just wanted everyone to know my side of this ongoing harassment in the newspapers, phone calls and letters. I cannot lower blood degrees unless there have been appeals filed. I do believe in the appeal system and everyone has the right to appeal their blood degree. In the last year, we have raised blood degrees for the descendants of James Slavin and Theresa Wasectikimokine and the descendants of Mnitoque aka Margaret Bourassa Frigon.

I wanted you, the tribal members, to know my side of the story and hope this puts an end to any doubt or beliefs that we lower blood degrees on our own.

Mary Farrell  
Tribal Rolls

## Sac & Fox score major court win

(From the Sac and Fox News, June 2, 1993) — The Sac and Fox Nation scored a major victory on May 17 when the United States Supreme Court ruled unanimously in its favor in its case against the Oklahoma Tax Commission.

With a vote of 9-0, the U.S. Supreme Court declared that the state of Oklahoma "does not have jurisdiction to tax tribal members who live and work in Indian country, whether the particular territory consists of a formal or informal reservation, allotted lands, or dependent Indian communities."

The state is also not entitled to collect motor vehicle taxes on automobiles owned by tribal members and garaged on tribal grounds.

"This is one fantastic win," said Linda Slick, tax director for the Sac and Fox Nation. Slick was the tax clerk when the initial lawsuits between the Sac and Fox Nation and the Oklahoma Tax Commission began years ago.

The Supreme Court decision, delivered by Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, stated, "We found a 'deeply rooted' policy in our Nation's history of 'leaving Indians free of state jurisdiction and control'."

The U.S. Supreme Court statement also noted, "Indian nations ... long have been 'distinct political communities, having territorial boundaries, within which their authority is exclusive'."

The Oklahoma Tax Commission had argued that a tribe tagging motor

vehicles within its own tax system did not contribute to the maintenance and construction of state highways.

Both Second Chief Merle Boyd and Treasurer Truman Carter refuted this idea.

Boyd stated that the registration fees imposed by the state of Oklahoma do not in large part go toward the upkeep of the state highways but to fund other programs, such as health care. The Sac and Fox Nation tribal taxes also fund health care programs within the tribal clinic, which also services non-tribal members.

Carter pointed out that Indian motorists pay the state gasoline taxes, the primary tax employed for the construction, repair and general upkeep of the roads and highways.

"It is an erroneous assumption that Indians don't contribute to the state tax base," Carter told the Associated Press.

The case has been sent back to the 10th circuit court of appeals for clarification regarding the residency of tribal members who work for the tribe.

"The 10th circuit will have to follow the Supreme Court ruling against state tax authority over Indians in Indian country," Carter said.

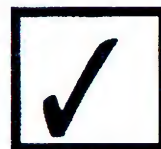
"The Supreme Court protected our right to govern ourselves," Slick said. "The decision benefits our tribal members and was a win for tribes all across the state, all across the nation."

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# AN OPEN LETTER TO ALL TRIBAL MEMBERS FROM EX-CHAIRMAN LEON BRUNO

As you have no doubt noticed in the last HowNiKan, I, Leon Bruno was the main subject of our Chairman's article "Letter From The Chairman." I feel compelled to fill in some of the facts about the lowering of the Bruno descendants blood degree. The Chairman failed to mention that the Sheila Hall appeal response used to lower my blood degree was dated May 29, 1984. That is when the Tribal office received the letter from the BIA directing the Chairman of the Tribe to correct the blood degree of the descendants of Samuel and Theresa Bennett Bruno. Theresa Bennett Bruno was on the 1937 official census roll as 1/2 degree Citizen Potawatomi blood. Through their research the BIA discovered that Theresa Bennett Bruno was, in fact, full blood. The BIA authorized the change for the blood degree of Theresa Bennett Bruno and her descendants. The BIA did not change the blood degree of Samuel Bruno, her husband.

Samuel Bruno was a brother to Mose Bruno. Mose Bruno is my grandfather. The appeal response is very specific in that it authorizes the Chairman to correct the blood degree of the descendants of Samuel and Theresa Bennett Bruno. This is due to the fact that Theresa was INCREASED from 1/2 to full blood. Theresa is not blood relation to me, she married a Bruno. Theresa had her blood degree INCREASED not DECREASED.

Why has a nine year old letter resurfaced and misapplied to me and my family? Why were procedures not followed when the Tribal Rolls department acted upon this? Why would the Chairman say that Sheila Hall and other descendants of Samuel and Theresa Bennett Bruno had their blood degree DECREASED when in truth their blood degree was INCREASED.

According to the BIA, wherever a blood degree change is to be made each head of family is to be notified. This was not done when the Sheila Hall appeal letter was misapplied to my family. I first learned this had been done when one family member requested a certificate of blood degree to be used for school funding purposes. To her surprise her blood degree had been lowered. When she inquired as to why her blood degree had been lowered the Tribal rolls department sent her the Sheila Hall appeal response. I learned about this in June of 1992 and that is when I contacted the Tribe concerning this matter.

That's what sticks in my craw. My blood degree was lowered and I was not notified so that I could protest or respond. They find out the at the basis for lowering my blood degree was an appeal response that authorized a blood degree INCREASE for the descendants of Samuel and Theresa Bennett Bruno NOT a decrease for the descendants of Mose and Frances Bruno.

I contend that it was not the BIA who lowered my blood degree as Chairman Barrett says in his article. Tribal officials and Tribal employees lowered my blood degree.

Now about the resolution that I paid to have printed in the HowNiKan. This resolution was passed in June of 1980 during the General Council meeting. I would never as an elected official of this Tribe go against action that the General Council had passed or that they had directed me to do.

There was a lot of planning and thought that went into the writing of Resolution 80-41, which prohibits an elected official from being a paid employee of the Tribe. This is and can be used as a means of checks and balances for the Business Committee. In addition, our elected officials have many responsibilities making it difficult for them to function efficiently as a Committee member and as a Tribal employee. ARTICLE 6, Section 4 details the duties of the Secretary/Treasurer which are many. These duties include to record proceedings of all meetings, prepare agenda for meetings, notify all members of their appointments, have custody of all records and papers of the council, keep a correct list of all members of the council, a correct list of all enrolled members of the Tribe, shall authenticate all accounts or orders of the Council, or call meetings to order of the Chairman and Vice Chairman are not present. Also to render a written report at annual meetings. And shall issue notices of all meetings and conduct all general correspondence as directed by the Council or the Business Committee. Does adding the Tribal administrator duties over burden one person?

If our present Tribal constitution gives the Business Committee the authority to rescind any resolution that General council has passed or may pass in the future, then does the Council have any means of checks and balances of the Business Committee left to their disposal?

We the General Council need to stop and examine the exact extent of our power as a supreme governing body. Can we be effective or have we lost any and all of our power in the new constitution? Do you understand the new constitution? Have you read it thoroughly? If no, please do. After you read the constitution ask yourself the above questions and see how you feel as one of the General Council.

We must get involved as Tribal members in the actual governing of our Tribal affairs and in planning the destiny of our future generations. It seems that many local Tribal members and many who live outside of Oklahoma no longer want to be involved in any way with Tribal affairs or concerns.

For those of you who are interested in being involved again, there is a place and a forum for you.

For further information please contact: The Potawatomi Sentinel, P.O. Box 365, Maud, OK 74854

We will be glad to receive any and all correspondence and information you wish to share or have printed.

*P.S. John, the blood degree may not be important to you but it is to me and I imagine that it is important to other Tribal members also. Just because we disagree with you about the importance of blood degree does not mean that we are wrong.*

*By the way, John, I am not claiming to be a full blood and I never have. I only want to be what all records say I should be and that is 7/16 Citizen Band Potawatomi.*







## In your opinion...

### Tribal member responds to Chairman

#### To The Editor:

Reference our conversation today. Thank you for the opportunity to respond to "From The Chairman" in the May issue of the HowNiKan, regarding the blood degree appeal of my family tree. Since you did not check the chairman's article for accuracy nor editorialize over it, below it, or in it, I expect the same courtesy for my letter. The same size type and same back page location will be greatly appreciated.

On October 28, 1983, I submitted a letter to the BIA which was an appeal of a denial from the tribe. As a result of the appeal, my blood degree was increased, not decreased, as the tribal chairman indicated in his article.

In the appeal, I addressed the blood degrees of my great-grandparents, Samuel W. Bruno and Theresa (Bennett) Bruno. The BIA increased Theresa (Bennett) Bruno (also known as "MITCO") from 1/2 to full-blood. Sam Bruno's degree was left as 1/2, although his son, Joseph Bruno (or Bruneau) was listed at the approximate age of four years under his Indian name of Shopkes (shown elsewhere as Shop-tees). He was called 'Shop' by friends and relatives. [Sam's brother, Moses Bruno (who is Leon Bruno's ancestor), was listed on rolls as 3/4 Indian. Moses was also known as Mose.]

The tribal rolls staff assured me that all descendents of Samuel W. Bruno and Theresa (Bennett) Bruno would be notified and have their degrees of blood increased. As of June 1, 1993, this had not been accomplished according to other family members.

At the time of the BIA response, Leon Bruno was Tribal Chairman and John Barrett was Tribal Administrator. They continued in those positions for some time afterwards. John Barrett succeeded Leon Bruno as Tribal Chairman and has continued in that position to date. The Tribal Chairman was authorized to make the change, and the Tribal Administrator was responsible for carrying out the action through the tribal staff. The tribal staff received the letter on May 29, 1984.

According to the referenced chairman's article, someone took the initiative to have the descendents of Moses Bruno decreased in blood degree. Can this same someone take the initiative to increase the blood degree of Theresa (Bennett) Bruno's descendents?

On June 9, 1993, I received a written request from the tribal rolls staff (at the direction of Tribal Administrator Bob Davis) for me to tell them all the persons who need corrections made. But, the tribal rolls staff verbally declined to give me a list with current addresses of all the referenced descendents so that I

could comply with their request.

I am aware that tribal rolls duties are contracted from the BIA, with a small amount of money budgeted for this function. However, where is all the money from the tribe's bingo hall going? Why isn't some of the tribal enterprise money used to employ more staff for the tribal rolls office? Is it that the tribe cannot or will not employ the needed staff to accomplish the most basic of tribal duties.

In order to comply with the tribal request, the following family information is submitted. Please follow up with the tribe or write to me for information.

Theresa (Bennett) Bruno had a sister, Catherine (Bennett) Curley. Note to Curly family members: If Catherine (Bennett) Curley is not shown on the rolls as a full-blood, please contact me and I will give you the information needed to file an appeal.

The father of Theresa and Catherine Bennett was Joseph Bennett (Mo Go Ba Net), and their paternal grandfather was Mo Zo Ba Neh.

In copies of documents kindly furnished me by a La Claire family member, it appears that Mo Go Ba Net, Mo Go Bennettee, We Go Burnett and We Zo Burnett may be one and the same. If you are a Acton, White-tail, Satchell, Wheeler, Pappin, Seeley, Lewis or Burnett family member, you may want to follow up on this information.

The parents of Sam and Mose Bruno were John Baptiste Bruno (Bruneau or Brunelle) and Mary Rhodd (or Rodd). As a result of the tribe's initiative to decrease the Mose Bruno family tree, Leon Bruno's family has filed an appeal to decrease the Mose Bruno family tree, Leon Bruno's family has filed an appeal to raise Mose Bruno from 3/4 to full-blood. Notice to La Claire, Rhodd, Tade and Qualls descendents: According to Leon Bruno, Mary Rhodd is on the 1810 roll as a full blood. You should follow up on this information; I am. The Bruno appeal will also affect the following families: Wano, Delonais, Vieux, Wamego, Vietenheimer, Silas, and others.

If your family tree blood degree is affected by any of the ancestors listed above, please do not depend on tribal rolls staff to initiate any action on your behalf for they are too understaffed to do blood degree increases or research for ordinary tribal members.

Also, you should check the rolls if at all possible to see if your family is correctly enrolled. When notices were mailed to Leon Bruno's family that their blood degree was being decreased, my nephew received a notice that his blood degree was being decreased. I called the tribal rolls staff and discovered that not only had my nephew

been moved to the Mose Bruno family tree, but that my niece had been moved to the Mose Bruno family tree and subsequently removed from the tribal rolls completely. The staff member with whom I dealt was very nice about the mix-up and we very amicably got the error corrected.

In the referenced HowNiKan article, the chairman asked, "What's the big deal about your blood degree?" As much time as he has had tribal rolls clerks devote to researching, to documenting, and to getting HIS blood degree increased since he has been in office, there surely must be some importance attached to blood degrees somewhere!

What about it, cousins? "What's the big deal about your blood degree?" Why don't you write the editor, and let the chairman know what you think the big deal is. Better yet, come to Shawnee on June 26, between the hours of 7 a.m. and 2 p.m., and cast your ballot to let the chairman know exactly what you think the big deal is.

Yours truly,

Sheila Hall

(Note from Chairman John Barrett: The above letter contains an untrue statement. I have never had my blood degree changed since I have been in tribal office. Sheila Hall was the leader of the violent attempt to seize the tribal headquarters in 1984. She was also a part of the unconstitutional "rump" General Council that tried to keep the thieving Enterprise Management Consultants, Inc. in possession of our bingo hall.)

### HowNiKan fan

#### To The Editor:

Support The HowNiKan! I enjoy the paper very much. I think the tribe has been run in the last few years as well as it has been in history.

Let's keep John Barrett chairman.

J. Aaron Chaulk  
Oklahoma City, Okla.

### Grievance Committee member thanks tribe for calls, support

#### To The Editor:

Citizen Band Potawatomi Indian Tribe of Oklahoma Council Members: I, Hazel Rhodd Williamson, want to thank you for allowing me the privilege to represent you again for two years as Grievance Committee Member, position #2.

Several members have phoned or wrote me or talked to me in person voicing their concerns and expressing the needs they had. I am glad to have been of assistance to them in health matters, housing meetings information, culture background, Senior Citizen advantages, Indian child welfare, etc.

I have not received a written grievance with appropriate signature, date and roll number. Most of the questions have been answered using the constitution.

I am a member of National Indian Council on Aging, a member of OILS Board of Directors (Oklahoma Indian Legal Service, Inc.), and a board member of the Sacred Heart Catholic Mission Historical Society of Konawa, Oklahoma.

The third annual Blessed Kateri Tekawitha Honor Dance will be held September 19, 1993 on the old mission grounds located at Sacred Heart. These mission grounds are where Mount Saint Mary's Catholic school for girls and the Benedictine Monastery College was established. Hundreds of us, our parents or grandparents went to school there. We are bringing back our culture to the old Potawatomi Mission land.

Eva Rhodd Jordan and I



Hazel Rhodd Williamson

went to the Business Committee Regular meeting held on May 27, 1993 (the 4th Thursday of the month). We invited each of them to the Honor Dance or September 19th. We showed them the Indian shawls and dance bags we had made which are for sale or for donations to help raise money for this big event. Chairman John "Rocky" Barrett bought a red shawl for \$65 and stated he would be at the Honor Dance in full dress.

Don't forget the Pow Wow on June 25th, 26th, and 27th. The election will be on the 26th with the General Council following. Come on out and show your support to the tribal affairs. I will be there camping on the grounds again this year. Hope to see and talk to all of you.

Hazel Rhodd Williamson

### OSU/Okmulgee seeks communications instructor

Oklahoma State University/Okmulgee is seeking a communications instructor for the fall semester, according to tribal member Dr. Larry Davis, Department Head, General Education. It is an eight-month faculty position beginning August 23, 1993. The initial review of applications will begin on June 7, 1993 and continue until the position is filled.

This person will teach college level courses in communications. Subjects to be taught include (but are not limited to) Freshman Composition I and II and Technical Writing. This person must be a strong advocate of integrating technology into the delivery of instruction. Computerized

writing classes and a computerized skills center are both integral parts of that delivery.

Direct supervision will be provided by the Supervisor of Communications. Indirect supervision will be provided by the General Education Department Head.

A master's degree is required and the undergraduate major must be in English. Successful applicant must provide documentation of identity and eligibility for employment upon hire as required by IRCA. Women and minorities are encouraged to apply.

Preference will be given to applicants with three years

teaching at the post-secondary level. Non-tobacco users are preferred.

If you have a disability and need assistance or accommodation during an interview, please contact the hiring supervisor listed on this notice or the Personnel Services Office three days prior to the appointment.

For additional information, contact Dr. Larry Davis, Department Head, General Education 918-756-6211, ext. 280. Send applications to Personnel Services Office Administration Building Suite B, 918-756-6211 ext. 254 c 212. OSU/Okmulgee is an affirmative action/equal opportunity employer.





## In your opinion...

# Letter writer blasts HowNiKan, tribal chairman

### The Editor:

In an opinion letter to the chairman of the Citizen Band Potawatomi tribe, his business committee, and the editor of HowNiKan.

Subject: Mass Communication, Propaganda, and Persuasion! It is a truism to say we live in an age of mass communication; indeed, it can even be said that we live in an age characterized by attempts at public persuasion. Every time we turn on the television set, everytime we open a book, magazine, or read the local newspaper (HowNiKan), someone is trying to convince us to accept ideas or things we don't want.

An example of what I am referring to can be seen the minute you start to read our local newspaper. It's filled with articles such as "The Absentee Shawnees were in the nature of attackers", "Our First Oklahoma Bank is 'just beginning to take shape'", or Tribal Chairman Barrett talking to a large group termed "new bank building" "an investment in the future of Shawnee and Tecumseh" as he addresses members of the tribal business committee and Bank officials stuck new shovels into soggy Oklahoma soil. Now, this is an excellent example of persuasion and propaganda! Have you noticed that when our editor and her husband placed their tribal opinions they are not really making a direct attempt to sell us something, other than their own sense of income protection, but I can bet that these articles do succeed in influencing tribal members (which they are not a part of). Note what our editor has to say in her lengthy article of propaganda, which exceeds the word limit that tribal members adhere to.

First, as far as having a tribal editor I work for the business committee, who are the publishers of the tribal newspaper. Well, well, let's look at nothing supposedly objective like maybe the articles that have appeared in our paper. I think that we would be right to say that at least 75 percent of these articles make an attempt at influencing tribal members on Chairman Barrett's ideas and not really at the majority of the tribal members would like to see our funds invested in. When we consider the fact that the chairman and his staff (including our editor and her husband) produce most of what we read, don't you think it's safe to say that they certainly exert a subtle influence on all our opinions simply by determining which articles and their contents are given exposure. As a professional teacher of Native American studies, political science, and psychology, a tribal member with two master's

and a doctor's degree, I think I have earned the right to reach certain conclusions. Although I was supportive of Mr. Barrett's program at first, it didn't take me long to see a form of behavior somewhat like that of Machiavelli (the idea that any means however unscrupulous can justifiably be used in achieving power). I have approached the chairman on several occasions to discuss new federal government funding for tribal education, vocational skill training, scholarships funding, housing for tribal members, job opportunities, and most important, providing our tribal members a historical record department to be used for the purpose of searching for family Indian kinship, including more assistance to our tribal regional directors with more authority to act on behalf on those Potawatomi members living in different states.

These are the areas we need to concentrate, tribal funds, and not into new bank ventures, bowling alleys, golf course, etc. The tribal funds need to be placed where they benefit all tribal members, not just some. Also, several years ago I tried to point out to Rocky the value of tribal gaming. This is where we can provide employment to our people and invest in future developments such as education, health, housing etc. Some of the Business Committee members believe that gaming will never become a reality in Oklahoma. I know enough about Indian law and federal relations to bet that it will, and that's where we need to concentrate our thinking. We need to stop listening to the local bank president Derebery, and his statement that buying the bank was "a wise decision for the tribe." Why should he not think this way? After all, it's his professional opinion.

All of this leads up to an important part of my letter and those articles I find leaving me with a form of nausea. These articles approved by the editor are pure propaganda and need to be addressed.

1. Article "new evidence may help Potawatomi reservation case" and the article "Your Right To Know" by Tribal Attorney's Michael Minis and Associates.

First of all I can't see how the tribal Business Committee can justify paying these attorneys a legal fee for such shoddy advice. Secondly, I can't understand why our chairman can treat a neighboring Indian tribe to such a demeaning article referring to the Absentee Shawnees as "squatters." Perhaps it will help if I tell you why this propaganda trash disturbs me.

A — I have a copy of every Potawatomi treaty and agreement made with the federal government. I will say that the

BIA has not always been fair with the Native American Indians in handling their trust funds, but the fact remains that in May of 1872 an Act to Provide Homes for Potawatomi and Absentee Shawnee Indians in Oklahoma territory was enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the United States. This provided an allotment of land to each member of the Potawatomi Citizen Band as well as the Shawnee Indians.

It's a fact, it was signed and approved and authorized May 23, 1872. It's a federal law, and even if we think it is wrong, it's still a law, and we can't change that! The terms of the treaties and agreements signed by our tribe and congress should leave no doubt that the Potawatomi, like all other Indians were subjected to persuasion and in the end sold

their land base reservations. In the treaty/agreement of 1891 the Citizen Band relinquished absolutely and forever to the United States all their claim, title and interest of every kind of the reservation provided in the treaty of 1867.

The treaty of 1867 provided the original reservation in Oklahoma Indian Territory when the Citizen Band left the reservation in Kansas. Although this treaty did not specify land included for the Absentee Shawnee, the Act of 1872 did. A map number 30 showing Indian Territory, 1866-1889, in the Historical Atlas of Oklahoma shows that the original reservation is shared with the Shawnee. I have a letter from the Department of Interior dated July 6, 1979 stating that this area is legally shared with the Shawnee.

Tell me, what right does our editor have to call them "squatters"? I might add, that this letter was sent to the Citizen Band back in July of 1979. Can't our attorneys investigate these matters before making statements, and charging our tribe fees? Shame on you Rocky! I strongly suggest that someone on our tribal council become educated in tribal history and treaties. Let's spend the money where it's needed, and not on stories of propaganda. Our tribal members need to understand that we have no large land base reservations in Oklahoma. The Citizen Band Potawatomi has only a small number of acres held in trust by the federal government. Our old traditional land base was allotted and sold by the federal government back in 1891.

In conclusion, I would like to ask all my family members the Kennedy, Ogee, Beaubien, and La Fromboise, families who were all hard workers for the Potawatomi tribe dating back to the Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Iowa, and Kansas reservation, to not be misled by all the articles you read in our paper. Its time for a change!

Dr. James H. Kennedy

## Juneau family holds reunion

### To The Editor:

On June 22-26, 1994, the second International Juneau reunion will meet in Milwaukee, Wisc.

Solomon Juneau, my third great-grandfather, was founder of Milwaukee and its first mayor. He married the granddaughter of an Indian chief and was adopted into her tribe. Juneau, the capital of Alaska, was named after his nephew, Joe Juneau. An interesting event will be a visit to Solomon's homestead and museum in Theresa, Wisc.

For further information you may contact Virginia Juneau, P.O. Box 7864, Shreveport, LA 71137 or call (318) 424-7211.

I hope you print this in the HowNiKan as many Juneau descendants live in this area.

Anne Nelson Rudolph

## Washington state regional representative commends tribal newspaper for fairness

### To The Editor:

I just want to commend you for the excellent job you are doing in covering the current tribal election. It's obvious from reading the HowNiKan that you are having a lot of unfair, outrageous things tossed your way and that not only affects you but rightly should affect the entire tribal structure as well.

Over the years I have found the newspaper to be fair, unbiased, and inclusive. I edited a church newsletter for five years and even there, where politics are supposed to be out the window, favored agendas appeared and when I edited and sought to be fair to all, there were phone calls. and that's not even on the scale compared to the task before you!

I also want to commend you for your policy of not allowing the candidates to see the ads before the paper went to print; that must have been difficult, but really the only fair way to do it, for all involved.

I hope you will continue to hang in there with us; you are a valuable asset! My only advice is to continue maintaining your high ethical standards; they are all too rare in this world and our youth are sorely deprived of them. They need your example.

Thank you for an excellent publication.

Sincerely,

Susan J. Campbell  
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Seattle, Washington

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# State News

## Tribe and HUD battle over control of federal housing project

(From *The Saturday Oklahoman & Times*, January 30, 1993) — An uneasy weekend is in store for residents of a federal housing project, who say they fear Indian leaders will strike back at them for causing the tribe to lose management control of the complex.

Stories spread Friday around the 49-unit, low-income Otoe-Missouria housing complex that tribal leaders were cutting off the project's water supply and were telling tribal police officers to no longer patrol the area.

Some said they expected tribal council leaders to try to take over the housing authority's office Friday.

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development told tribal leaders earlier this week that the agency was taking control of the housing authority because tribal leaders had failed to comply with required guidelines.

However, Bill Burns, the tribe's acting executive director, said Friday that fears of retaliation against the housing authority's tenants are unfounded.

Burns said the tribal council would not shut off its water supply to the housing complex, a mile north of tribal headquarters.

"They've got too many people living out there," Burns said. "They think more of lives and safety than doing stuff like that. That would be kind of ridiculous."

Burns said he was unaware that tribal police were told to stop patrolling the housing complex.

"They're on call," Burns said. "A lot of rumors are flying, but it's business as usual."

However, residents said they did not see any Otoe-Missouria tribal police patrol the area Thursday night or Friday.

Some residents sent their wives and children to area motels or had them spend the night with friends Thursday. Tribal

police from White Eagle, about 10 miles away, were called in Thursday night to provide protection, resident said.

HUD officials in Oklahoma City have been told about residents' concerns, said Barbra Gurko, executive director of the Otoe-Missouria housing authority.

HUD advised her to change all of the locks at the authority's offices to make sure tribal leaders and former housing commissioners cannot gain access to residents' personnel files or other records, she said.

No problems occurred Friday, Gurko said, but many residents remained tense.

"We really don't know from minute to minute; the situation changes for hour to hour," she said.

Hugh Johnson, director of HUD's Indian programs division, said officials are watching the situation closely.

HUD subsidizes the housing authority with about \$100,000 each year. Most of the program's operating money comes from rent from 49 low-income houses and payments on 36 houses being bought by tenants.

HUD also is unhappy with tribal leaders because they have appointed commissioners with unacceptable qualifications.

Some tenants of the housing complex said they heard that tribal council members on Friday swore in a housing commissioner, a cousin of the tribe's vice chairman, in an effort to secure a majority of housing commissioners to fire Gurko.

Tribal Chairman Kenneth Black did not return telephone calls. Burns said he did was unaware of a new housing commissioner appointment.

Tribal leaders previously have used their power to fire housing executive directors. Nine housing directors have been fired or forced to resign during the past two years.

## Bricktown possible site for Indian Bingo

(From *The Sunday Oklahoman*, Jan. 24, 1993) — Oklahoma City Councilman Goree James said he supports a proposal for an Indian bingo hall in Bricktown, which is part of his Ward 7.

"It would certainly be an asset, not just for that area, but for downtown Oklahoma City," James said at a council meeting.

James quoted developers' predictions that the bingo operation would bring 2,000 people to the Bricktown area as his main reason for believing that the establishment would be a "good feeder" for downtown events and businesses.

He also said the bingo operation could bring about a "massive cleanup" of Bricktown.

Meanwhile, Councilman Jack Cornett said the full council has not endorsed the proposal.

Cornett said he had no bad feelings about the bingo plan thus far, but said he wanted residents to know the council has not gone on record to support it.

Last week, an official of the Native American Management Corp. said the corporation has an agreement with the Stroud-based Sac & Fox Nation to operate a bingo parlor with the tribe.

The planned bingo operation would be at the southwest corner of California and Oklahoma avenues in Bricktown, the official said.

## Kaw City receives grant

(From *The Kanzu News*, Kaw Nation, March 4, 1993) — The Kaw Tribe has recently been awarded a Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) to develop a new building to enhance the administrative complex in Kaw City.

The grant, awarded through the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD), is in the amount of \$355,826, with tribal matching funds providing an additional \$110,000.

The new building, under the guidance of the Native American architectural firm of Larry Edmondson and Associates Inc., will be a multipurpose and social services building that will include a museum.

The building, to be located east of the tribal complex in Kaw City, will be a 7,000 square foot extension that will allow the tribe much space. The new building will accommodate all necessary services and programs that are currently not available in the current facilities.

## Mineral Management meeting set for July

In compliance with the Kauley et al. vs. U.S. Litigation Settlement Agreement, the next bimonthly meeting will be held on Tuesday, July 20, 1993, beginning at 1:00 p.m. at the Anadarko Area Office, Bureau of Indian Affairs, located one mile north of Anadarko, Oklahoma.

Members of the Bureau of Indian Affairs and the Minerals Management Service will be on hand to answer your questions or concerns about oil and gas royalties.

For more information, please call the Office of Indian Royalty Assistance at (405) 945-6040 or toll-free at (800) 354-7015.

## Tribes protest land run statue

(From *The Daily Oklahoman*, June 9, 1993)

— The Cherokee Nation has united with two other Oklahoma Indian tribes to protest Ponca City's statue commemorating the centennial of the Cherokee Strip Land Run.

Wilma Mankiller, principal chief of the Cherokees, said in a letter to a Ponca tribal representative she finds the statue of a cowboy swinging off a horse and its name, "This Land Is Mine," to be "repulsive."

The statute "is insensitive to a very painful history of the Cherokees," she wrote. "The Cherokee Strip Land Run vividly marks a bit of romantic American folklore that ignores the harsh reality to the Cherokee Nation and its people."

The Ponca tribe and the Ottawa Indian tribe of Oklahoma earlier protested the statue, which depicts a settler jumping off a horse to stake a claim in the Sept. 16, 1893, land run, which opened to white settlement the north-central Oklahoma lands previously assigned to the Cherokees.

The Ponca City statue is at a Colorado foundry and is scheduled to be dedicated Sept. 16 during centennial ceremonies in downtown Ponca City.

Genevieve Pollak, chairwoman of the Ponca tribe's business committee, suggested Monday that changing the statue name might be a compromise. She has invited more than two dozen people, including many business and civic leaders of Ponca City, to a meeting Thursday at the tribe's main offices at White Eagle, just south of Ponca City.

"The Indians always felt that the land did not belong to anybody. It was something of sharing."

"When you say 'mine,' that shows me like a people are claiming it as their very own," Pollack said.

The head of Ponca City's centennial committee has said the statue was not intended to offend, and the title was chosen by the sculptor.

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# National News

## New Mexico tribes downplay ruling on video gaming

(From The Shawnee News-Star, June 17, 1993) — The Mescalero Apache tribe and Sandia Pueblo are downplaying a federal appeals court ruling that found video gambling machines legal on Indian land in Oklahoma.

The two tribes, seeking to legalize the machines on their land in New Mexico, said last week's ruling by the 10th U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals in Denver won't affect their case against the state of New Mexico.

The two tribes said in prepared statements that their case, also before the 10th Circuit, deals with general constitutional issues rather than specific state laws on gambling, as in the Oklahoma case.

But an attorney representing Gov. Bruce King said the ruling could come into play if New Mexico gambling laws become an issue in court.

The appeals court upheld a lower-court ruling that found video gambling machines are illegal under federal law on Indian land in Oklahoma because that state hasn't enacted its own law to legalize them.

King has refused to sign compacts with Sandia Pueblo and the Mescaleros allowing the slot machines on their lands in part because the state also doesn't have a law specifically legalizing the gambling machines.

## Deadly Flu could be from rodents

(From USA Today) — When medicine men suggested a bumper crop of pinon nuts could be linked to the mystery flu that's killed 11 people, doctors were skeptical.

Now that's changed.

"We heard from Navajo elders and medicine men (that) this year was only the third time in this century that pinon nuts ... had been available year-round," says Dr. James Cheek of the Indian Health Service.

Doctors believe the disease may be exotic Hantaan virus, or a close relative, spread by rodent droppings.

And because rodents eat the nuts, a bumper crop boosts the number of disease-carrying animals.

Officials plan to begin trapping them and taking other measures to keep the rodents from people in the Navajo Nation area.

The anti-viral drug ribavirin has been shipped to New Mexico to treat any new suspected cases.

Says Cheek: "I think the Navajo elders and medicine men knew all along."

That refusal prompted the New Mexico case now before the 10th Circuit.

Sandia Pueblo and the Mescaleros are appealing a district court ruling that found the U.S. Constitution prohibits the federal government and tribes from forcing the state to enter into a compact regulating gambling on Indian land.

In deciding the appeal, the circuit court will deal only with

the constitutional issues and not with whether the state has in some way legalized video gambling machines.

"The decision (in the Oklahoma case) has no impact one way or the other on the constitutional issues which are the essential elements in the Mescalero and Sandia cases presently before the 10th circuit," Frank Chavez, business development officer for Sandia, said in a

prepared statement.

Mescalero Apache President Wendell Chino said, "While the decision is unfortunate for the Oklahoma tribes who would like to use video gaming to generate tribal income to provide necessary educational, social, medical and government services, the decision should have no impact on the current litigation between the Mescalero Apache tribe and the state of New Mexico and Gov. Bruce King."

Paul Bardacke, an attorney

who represents King, said the Oklahoma case would become a factor if the lower-court ruling in New Mexico is overturned and the case goes to trial.

King and other governors want Congress to amend the Indian Gaming Regulatory Act of 1988 that governs gambling on Indian lands. The act's vague wording has resulted in often-conflicting federal court decisions on what types of gambling are permitted on which Indian lands in which states.

## Native American students Earn scholarships

Bob Colombe, President of the American Indian Arts Council of Dallas (AIAC), is pleased to announce the recent awarding of eight (8) scholarships to Native American students presently attending institutions of higher learning.

The scholarships for the Spring Semester were awarded to American Indian students pursuing degrees in the fine arts, to include visual and performing arts, communication arts, creative writing, and arts administration. The following students were recognized for their outstanding academic performance and artistic accomplishments.

### Those winning \$1,000 Awards:

Mary L. Duwyenie Hopi Graduate Student... MFA	Arizona State University Phoenix, Arizona
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Natalie A. Frederick Sioux Sophomore... Fine Arts	Sinte Gleska University Mission, South Dakota
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### Those winning \$250 "Honorary" Awards:

Patrick L. Natseway Hopi/Laguna Senior... Fine Arts	Institute of American Indian Arts Santa Fe, New Mexico
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Rose Mary Simon Colville Confederated Tribes Senior... Fine Arts	University of Oklahoma Norman, Oklahoma
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Karen K. Olson Northern Paiute Junior... Fine Arts	University of Oregon Eugene, Oregon
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Patrina C. Cox Spokane Sophomore... Fine Arts	Salish Kootenai College Pablo, Montana
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Sheryl L. Susunkewa Hopi Sophomore... Fine Arts	Arizona State University Phoenix, Arizona
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Kimberly D. Winkle Seminole/Creek Sophomore... 2-Dimensional Art	University of Oklahoma Norman, Oklahoma
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The above mentioned scholarship winners were the first group of students to benefit from the newly created Scholarship Fund offered by the AIAC. Scholarships will be offered each Spring and Fall Semester to students who meet the criteria established by the AIAC.

The AIAC educational assistance program was created to encourage the present generation to advance Native American arts and studies while preserving the rich heritage, culture, and traditions of American Indian People.

Information about the AIAC Scholarship Fund can be obtained by calling (214) 891-9640, or by writing to AIAC, 725 Preston Forest Shp. Ctr., Suite B Dallas, TX 75230.

## Film about Geronimo underway

Columbia Pictures began principal photography May 3 on its new film, as yet untitled, about the American legend of Geronimo. The untitled Geronimo film is the classic story of the legendary Apache warrior and the U.S. Cavalry. The film explores the myth surrounding the Chiricahua warrior Geronimo, admired for his cunning and courage yet feared by many. It chronicles his steadfast determination to battle the U.S. Government's advance westward and their relocation of Native Americans from their homeland. Ultimately, his is a fight to prevent the death of a nation's spirit.

The film stars Wes Studi as the Chiricahua warrior Geronimo. It includes American Indian actor Rodney A. Grant as Mangus, Steve Reevis as Chato, Stuart Proud Eagle Grant as Dutchy, Victor Aaron as Ulzana, Monty Bass as Deadshot, Michael

Minjarez as Dandy Jim, Richard Martin, Jr. as an Apache Medicine Man and Juddson Keith Linn as a young Apache.

Columbia Pictures and the film's producers have taken a number of unprecedented steps to ensure the Native Americans are substantively involved in the production of this film. Notable among these is the involvement of Mr. Sonny Skyhawk (Rosebud Sioux) as consultant and Mr. Michael Darrow (Fort Sill Apache) as technical advisor for the film. Mr. Skyhawk is the founder of Native American Indians in Film, an advocacy and consulting organization dedicated to improving the image, portrayal and persona of the American Indian in the mediums of film and television. Mr. Darrow is the tribal historian for the Chiricahua Apache.

The film is scheduled for release from Columbia Pictures in 1994.

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## Keetoowah Band loses another round

(From the *Cherokee Advocate*, June 1993) — In a decision handed down April 28 by the U.S. Court of Appeals 10th Circuit in Denver, the United Keetoowah Band of Cherokee Indians has once again been denied access to create its own Indian Country.

The court's decision affirmed a February 1992 ruling by the U.S. District Court, Northern District, which said the UKB and its members' tobacco shops were not exempt from state taxation or state jurisdiction.

According to Pat Ragsdale, Cherokee Nation executive director of special services, the litigation began after the state of Oklahoma seized tobacco products and ordered UKB member Sonny Buzzard's smokeshop to be closed for failure to pay taxes.

The court held the land in question was purchased by the UKB in the same manner land is purchased by any other property owner and the UKB holds the title in fee simple. Furthermore, the court ruled Indian Country is not created just because a federally recognized band purchases it.

## Is the Chairman too thin-skinned?

Bourzho Nicon,

Some say I'm a little thin-skinned, but I feel obliged to respond to criticism when the criticism is unfounded or unjust. If that's thin-skinned, I'll grow thicker skin if you think I need to or I'll continue to respond as I have for some 20 years in tribal politics.

Either way, I'll never back down.

There is a letter on page 17 from an out of work ex-college teacher in Arizona who tried unsuccessfully to get the Tribe to hire him. It could easily be dismissed as "sour grapes". It contains a number of false and misleading statements, but I have asked that it be printed in the HowNiKan so all of you can see for yourselves.

The things he says are examples of "propaganda trash" printed in the HowNiKan are:

1. The ground breaking for the new First Oklahoma Bank building.
2. Our lawsuit to prevent the Absentee Shawnees from placing land in the Potawatomi legal jurisdiction in trust for their professional gamblers to use against us.
3. The editor of the HowNiKan for reprinting the Indian Claims Court word "squatters".

Jim Kennedy says we should be putting our money into "new federal funding" for various programs. What he really wants is for the Tribe to hire him. Then he can put money into his pocket writing federal grant applications. We flew him in to Oklahoma from Arizona for a job interview. We didn't think he knew what he was talking about. We need to be working towards freedom from federal money, not more of it. He still thinks there is a great well of easy government money in Washington we can just dip into whenever we want. This is 1993, Jim, not 1973. The money



## FROM THE CHAIRMAN

By John A. Barrett Jr.

is not there! Congress is cutting federal programs.

He characterized the ground breaking for the bank building as just "sticking shovels into the soggy Oklahoma soil". He forgets how many of our people died to get this "soggy Oklahoma soil". His relatives are buried in it, and we are proud of what the Potawatomi Tribe has done with what we own of it. While he would have us depend on the federal dole, we are creating an income source that no one can take away from us. No other tribe in the U.S. has a healthy national bank.

In the HowNiKan article about the lawsuit against the Absentee Shawnee, the United States Indian Claims Court said they were "squatters" on our land, not the editor of the HowNiKan. His copy of a "letter from the Department of the Interior dated July 6, 1979" is what the lawsuit is about. We paid cash for our reservation. The United States Congress signed a treaty granting us ownership of the land in 1867. The government then gave part of it away to the Absentee Shawnee in 1872. Now the Absentee Shawnee want to exert jurisdiction over more of it. We are suing the Bureau of Indian Affairs to stop them. The issue has already been litigated in a federal court; that court called them "squatters." Jim, surely some one like you with all your college degrees can understand that.

The entire letter is a lecture to us on propaganda, complete with references to Kennedy's "nausea" at reading the paper, false charges of financial gain, challenges to the integrity of the editor of the HowNiKan, the tribal attorney, and the president of our bank, and other blatant propaganda tactics. Do you think the Potawatomi people are so dumb they can't see through you on this?

Jim Kennedy ends his letter by asking the members of the Kennedy, Ogee, Beaubien, and LaFromboise families not to be misled by all the articles in the HowNiKan, and "it is time for a change." And he accuses me of "propaganda"! Jimmy, I know more members of the Kennedy, Ogee, Beaubien, and LaFromboise families than you do — and they are smarter than you think.

Every tribal member is entitled to his or her own opinion, but as the constitutional scholar once quipped, your freedom of expression ends where my nose begins. I appreciate all of your expressions of support. Please vote in person if you have not mailed in your absentee ballots. Polls are open from 7 a.m. to 2 p.m.

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